

**C
C
H
S**



1924 - 1966



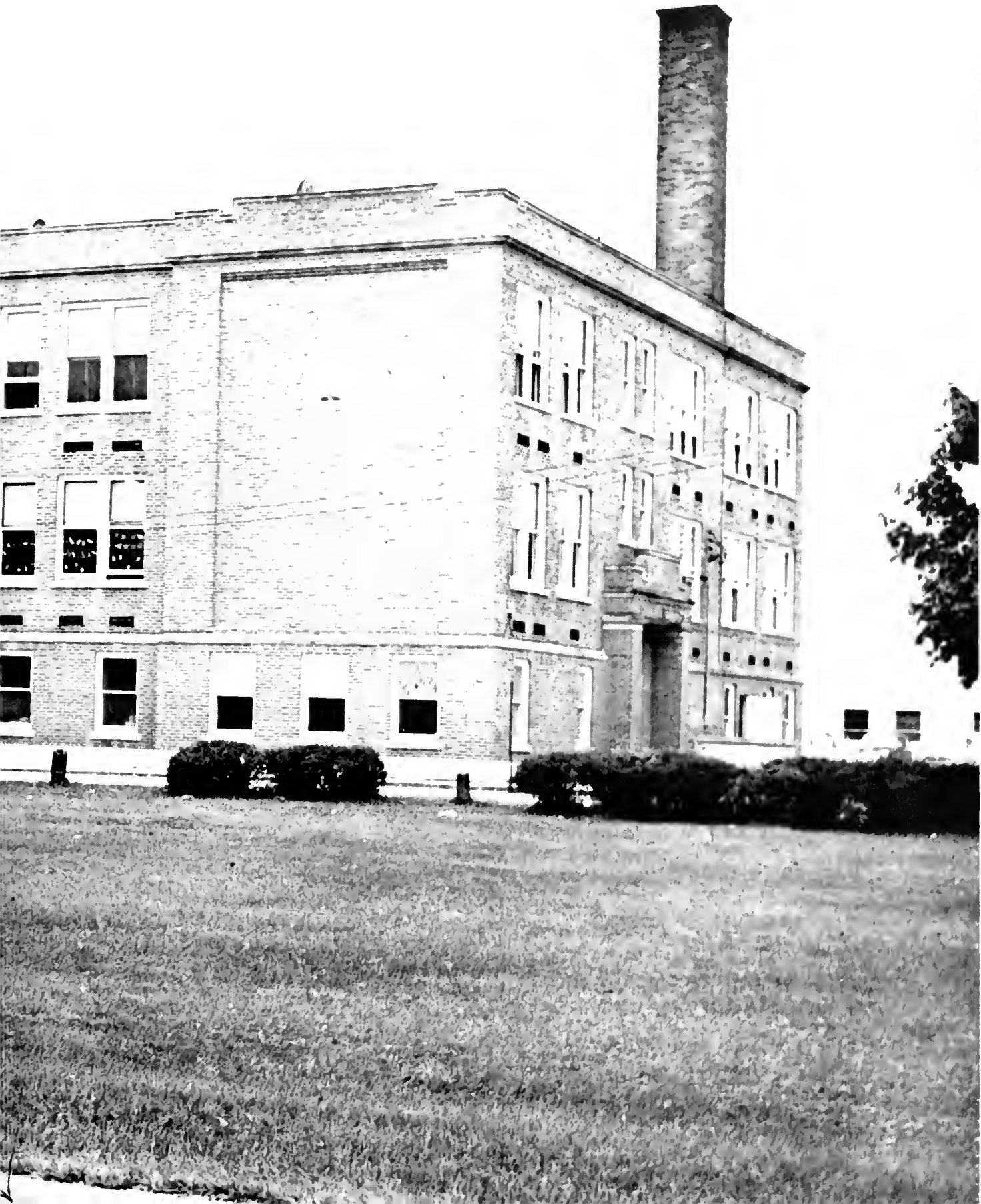
GEN



ALLEN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

3 1833 01274 7686

GENEALOGY
977.201
W46cch
1966



Digitized by the Internet Archive
in 2010 with funding from
E-Yearbook.com

<http://www.archive.org/details/memento1966well>



Keystone School
1898-1918

CCHS
1924-1966



Chester Center
1924-1966

Southern Wells 1966-?



Chester Township Schools

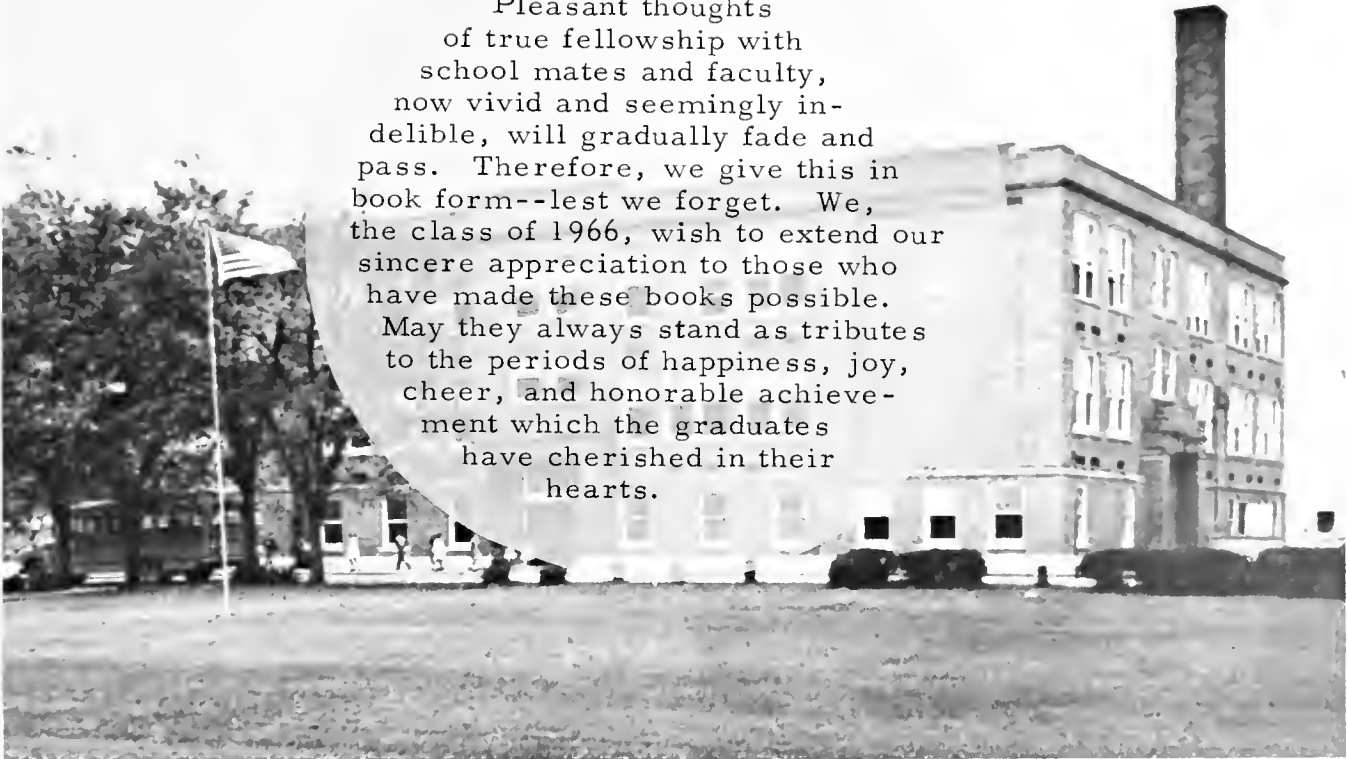
The consolidated school building at Chester Center was the outgrowth of a need that had existed since the old building at Keystone was condemned for high school purposes in 1919. Actual construction work was not begun until the spring of 1922 by contractors, Gordon and Reiff, of Liberty Center, under the direction of Architect Everett I. Brown of Bluffton. Labor troubles hindered the work considerably during the first season, but by the time winter set in, the building had been enclosed and roofed. Work was resumed early in the spring of 1923, and the building was completed and occupied for school purposes on September 24, 1923. At that time, students from ten other Chester Township Schools were consolidating into one school which was called Chester Center. Those ten one-room schools were: McCallister, Slocum, Noe, Red, Chester, Gavin, Maddox, Shields, Five Points, and Keystone.

The building was one of the largest and most completely equipped in the county, and one of which the good people of the township were justly proud. The grounds were improved and beautified during the summer of 1924.

The members of the first graduating class were: Doris Arnold, Myrtle Brinneman, Chauncey Ladd, Mary Minnich, Gladys Smith, and Ruth Weaver. The members of the last graduating class are: Rose Abner, Michael Frantz, Cathy Hamilton, Dennis Hendricks, Lee Hilkert, Dedria Johnson, James Johnson, Charlene Katte, Karen Keller, Lamoine Nusbaumer, Jackie Riesen, Mike Sutton, and Judy Walker.

During the 1956 school year a new Agriculture Building was erected near the present Chester Building.

In the November election of 1962, the four southern townships of Wells County voted to consolidate their schools. On January 1, 1963, Chester Center, Liberty Center, Jackson Center, and Petroleum became known as the Southern Wells Community Schools.



Pleasant thoughts
of true fellowship with
school mates and faculty,
now vivid and seemingly in-
delible, will gradually fade and
pass. Therefore, we give this in
book form--lest we forget. We,
the class of 1966, wish to extend our
sincere appreciation to those who
have made these books possible.
May they always stand as tributes
to the periods of happiness, joy,
cheer, and honorable achieve-
ment which the graduates
have cherished in their
hearts.

IN DEDICATION

Table Of Contents



Administration and Faculty

..... 5



Underclassmen



Seniors

..... 10

..... 15



Special Events



Organizations and Activities

..... 26

..... 34



History



Sports

..... 36

..... 42



..... 91

Advertising

Administration Looks To The Future



MR. WILLIAM PAYNE
Principal



MR. LLOYD BIBERSTINE
Superintendent
Southern Wells Schools



SCHOOL BOARD

Mr. Donald Williams, Mr. Ward Showalter, Mr. Howard Baker,
Mr. Charles Day.

The Faculty Strived To Impart Their To Us For Our Benefit



MRS. GLORIA PARRA
Dr. of Pedagogy,
University of Havana
Masters Normal,
Normal College.
Languages



MR. JOSEPH GILBERT
B. S. , M. S.
Ball State
Mathematics



MR. ROBERT
KETHCART
B. S.
Huntington
English
Coach



MRS. LONDA
DAVIDSON
B. S.
Ball State
Home Economics
Girls Physical
Education



MISS MARY
MASTERSON
B. S.
Fort Wayne Bible
College.
Music and Chorus



MR. LEWIS CAPTAIN
B. S. , Purdue
M. S. , Ball State
Science
Mathematics



MRS. SALLY
MITTLESTEDT
B. S.
Taylor University
M. S. , Ball State
Social Studies



MRS. KATHRYN FOY
A. B. , Ball State
Business Education
Languages



MR. LARRY SELL
B. S. , Huntington
Junior High English
Biology



MISS MARTHA LINN
A. B. ,
Olivet Nazarene
M. A. , Ball State
Art



MR. ELDON CARNES
B. S. , Ball State
Drivers' Education

Vast Knowledge And Understanding And Future Use.



MR. WILLIAM
HERNANDEZ
B. M. , M. M. ,
Conservatory of Mu-
sic, Chicago.
Band



MRS. MARY SINE
B. B. , M. A.
Ball State
First Grade



MRS. KATHRYN
RENNER
B. S.
Ball State
Second Grade



MRS. DONNA
SIMPSON
B. S.
Ball State
Third Grade



MRS. E. C. JOHNSON
B. S. , M. A.
Western College
Ball State
Fourth Grade



MRS. MARGUERITE
GAISER
B. S.
Ball State
Fifth Grade



MR. WARREN
MORTON
B. S.
Taylor University
Sixth Grade



MR. PAUL
LIEURANCE
B. S.
Purdue
Agriculture



MRS. PAT HIGGINS
Lunch Co-ordinator



MRS. MARIE RICE
Secretary to the
Superintendent

Roll Of Honor

Valedictorian

Judy Walker

Salutatorian

Karen Keller

Burns Scholarship Winners

Judy Walker

Lamoine Nusbaumer

Good Citizen Award

Cathy Hamilton

Lamoine Nusbaumer

D. A. R. Good Citizen Award

Karen Keller

Danforth Leadership Awards

Lee Hilkert

Karen Keller

Members Of National Honorary Society

Judy Walker

Attendance Award

Dee Dee Johnson

Lamoine Nusbaumer

Magazine High Salesman

Lamoine Nusbaumer

Homecoming Queen

Karen Keller

Hoosier Girls' State

Karen Keller

Hoosier Boys' State

Jim Johnson

Most Valuable Player Award

Richard Dickason

Free Throw Award

Dennis Hendricks

Betty Crocker Good Homemaking Award

Jackie Riesen

4-H Awards

KEY CLUB AWARD

COUNTY RECORDBOOK AWARD WINNER

NATIONAL JUNIOR HORTICULTURAL ASSOCIATION

NATIONAL CLUB CONGRESS

P. C. A. AWARD CERTIFICATE AND BOND

Lee Hilkert

County 4-H Queen

Dixie Shannon



1966

CCHS



DEIDRA JOHNSON
"No Corn here"



CATHRYN HAMILTON
"Oh Dear"



ROSE ABNER
"I've Got A Problem"



CHARLENE MATTIE
"Tee"



KAREN KELLIE
"Oh Stocks"



JACKIE RIESEN
"I'm Proud Of You"



JUDY WALKER
"So What"



MRS. DAVIDSON
Sponsor

SENIORS



LEE HILKERT
"Huh?"



DENNIS HENDRICKS
"Shoot the works"



MICHAEL FRANTZ
"You Cottonpicker"

O

F

I

9

6

6



JIM JOHNSON
"Who Me"



LAMOINE NUSBAUMER
"Well"



MIKE SUTTON
"You Ain't Wrong"



MR. GILBERT
Sponsor



*The Junior Class Gave Us An Evening
“Under The Stars” Which We Shall Never Forget.*





*With Our First
Goal
Achieved.*



*We Were Honored At
Commencement
And
Baccalaureate
Exercises*





*We Have Labored, Had Problems, And Enjoyed
Our Stay At Chester Center High*



Class Of '67

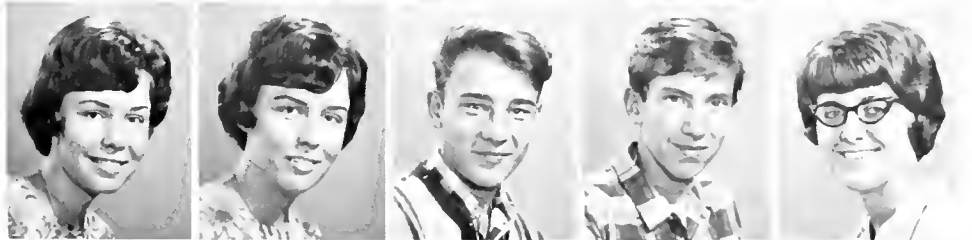
Dennis Atkinson
Richard Dickason
Terry Halterman
Dan Hartman
Jenelle Holloway



Kay Johnson
Sally Jost
Sheryl Laudig
Rick Mounsey
Barbara Nusbaumer



Karen Oswalt
Sharon Oswalt
Doug Riesen
Gene Ruse
Dixie Shannon



Sara Stroud
Joan Sutton
Donna Velasquez
Joyce Walker



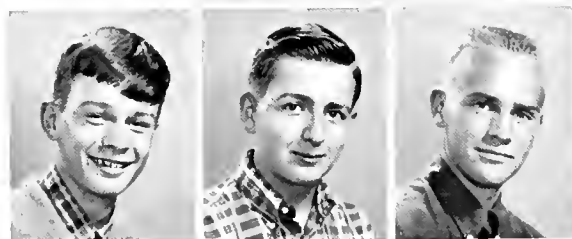
The junior class officers are: President, Dick Dickason; Vice-President, Rick Mounsey; Secretary, Joyce Walker, Treasurer, Jenelle Holloway; and Reporter, Karen Oswalt.

Class Of '68

The sophomore class officers are: President, Allen Fuller; Vice-President, Earl Hanni; Secretary, Kathy Zent; Treasurer, Kathy Hoving and Reporter, Connie Zent.



Bill Davidson
Dean DeVoe
Jim Frantz



Allen Fuller
Monty Grover
Kathy Gearheart
Earl Hanni



Dennis Harris
Jill Holloway
Kathy Hoving
Susie Huffman
Bob Johnson



Sharon Lugar
Brenda Murray
Marilyn Osborn
Paul Penrod
Rodney Rains



Mike Rehling
Ted Showalter
Judy Sleppy
Kathy Zent
Connie Zent



Class Of '69

Jerry Brown
Janis Davis
Vicki Frantz
Tom Gearheart
Tom Grover



Roger Hamilton
Barbara Hanni
Peggy Harris
Larry Herring
Donny Huffman



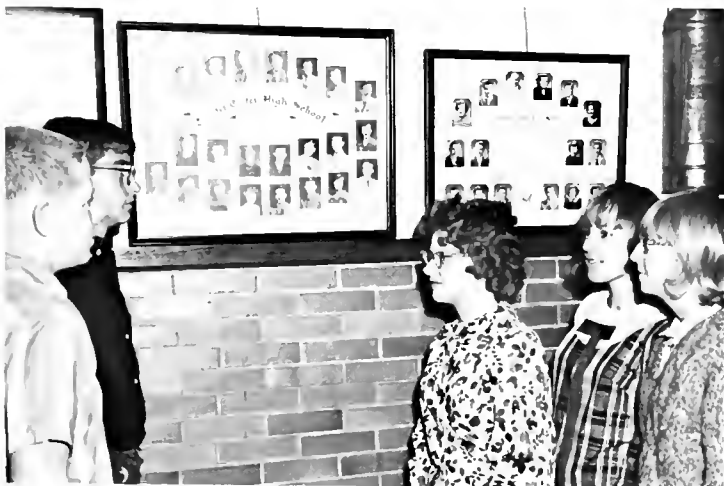
Joe Kennedy
Raymond Hoving
Mark Lancaster
Kay Nusbaumer
Linda Nusbaumer



Keith Paxson
Gary Ramseyer
Ed Shannon
Carol Sills
Kathy Sills



Randy Slaughter
Diane Sutton
Carol Tucker
Dale Velasquez
Connie Wilson



Freshman class officers are: President, Joe Kennedy; Vice-President, Keith Paxson; Treasurer, Barbara Hanni; Secretary, Carol Sills; and Reporter, Janis Davis.

Class Of '70

The eighth grade class officers are: President, Kathy Martin; Vice-President, Gary Sleppy; Secretary, Cindy Sleppy and Reporter, Judy King.



Beth Atkinson
Mike Bradley
Joe Dickason



Robert Hamilton
David Hartman
Delaine Hartman
Jim Holloway
Jennie Huffman



Linda Johnson
Judy King
Betty Liest
Kathy Martin
Bill Morgan



Rodney Mounsey
Bruce Osborn
Vicki Riesen
Cindy Sleppy
Gary Sleppy



Nancy Stroud
Steve Sutton
Lana Thompson
Darrell Velasquez
Bill Weatherholt

Class Of '71

Paul Flick
Joe Gearheart
Tim Grimm
Steve Haines
Susie Haines



Bob Halterman
Glen Hanni
Raymond Hartman
Jerri Holloway
Carl Keller



Robert Leist
Tom McElhaney
Janet Paxson
Rick Ramseyer
Steve Roush



Kathy Showalter
Mike Sills
Beth Simpson
Sandy Sleppy
Judy Sutton



Keith Tucker
Barbara Velasquez
Connie Zoll



Scott Zoll



Seventh grade class officers: President, Scott Zoll; Vice-President, Jerri Holloway; Secretary-Treasurer, Steve Haines; Reporter, Steve Roush.



Class Of '72

Under the direction of Mr. Warren Morton



John Briles
Barbara Capper



Barbara Cupp
Dexter Falk
Larry Hartman



Gary Herring
Carol Martin
Cheryl Mounsey



Jennifer Ramseyer
Randy Riesen
Mike Sharpe
Connie Slentz



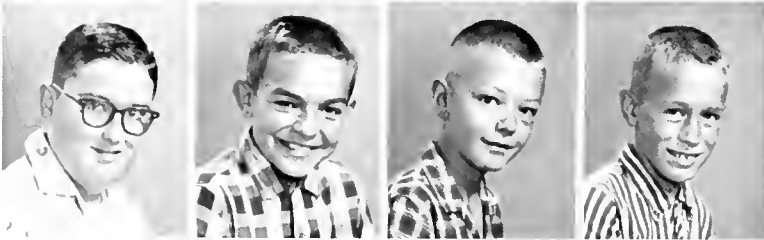
Charles Van Camp
Janet Walker
Judy Weatherholt
Michelle Zoll

Class Of '73

Under the direction of Mrs. Marguerite Gaiser



Lee Gearheart
Deborah Hamilton
Mark Hamilton



Larry Huffman
Jon Holloway
Bill Katte
David Keller



Anita King
Rhea Merchant
Rick Murray
Marlene Nusbaumer



Loretta Rains
Karen Rogers
David Sharpe
Sandra Slentz
Mike Surfus



Dana Tucker
Ricky Velasquez
Sandy Myers
Bruce Zehner
Ruth Ann Zoll

Class Of '74

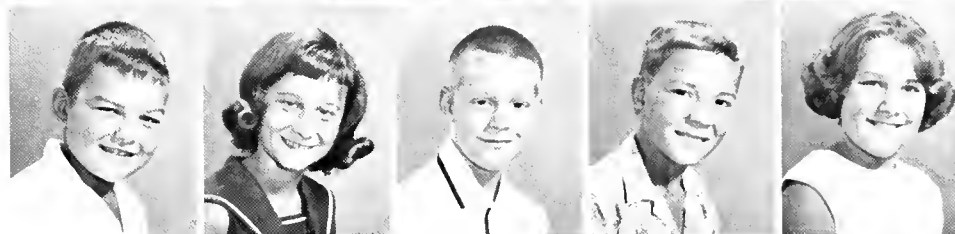
Under the direction of Mrs. E. C. Johnson



Danny Briles
Dennis Carnes
Sara Gearheart
Garry Gephart
Rodney Gephart



Bobby Gerard
Debra Glessner
Pam Grimm
Marty Grover
Terry Herring



Jeff Holloway
Vicki Mounsey
Linc Murray
Tom Ramseyer
Denise Roush



Rose Mary Stroud
Steve Studebaker
Kathy Van Camp
Barbara Zoll

Class Of '75

Under the direction of Mrs. Donna Simpson

Darlene Brickley
 Danny Briles
 Ronnie Capper
 Joy Crosby
 Marvin Crull
 Cindy Davis



Gary Flick
 Gary Frantz
 Mark Grimm
 Gary Harris
 Mary Hartman
 Bob Hartman



Doris Hogston
 Carol Lee
 Dave Meade
 Mike Murray
 Richard Myers
 Mary Nestleroad



Kathy Noble
 Dave Ramseyer
 Jackie Ramseyer
 Louise Rogers
 Steve Slentz
 Jerry Sleppy



Becky Swartz
 Randy Velasquez
 Jean Walker
 Vicki Wilson
 Doby Zehner



Class Of '76

Under the direction of Mrs. Kathryn Renner



Seth Anderson
Kim Carnes
Mike Carter
Steve Gearheart
Roger Gephart



Brad Glessner
Tina Herring
"Skip" Katte
Jane Martin



Kim Murray
Terry McElhaney
Charles Nestleroad
Kay Rogers
Becky Ramseyer



Sandy Sills
Cindy Sharpe
Mike Studebaker
Sandy Weatherholt



Shirley Velasquez
Jerry Zehner
Vickie Zent

Class Of '77

Under the direction of Mrs. Mary Sine



Cindy Anderson
Cheryl Baker
David Bradley
Bryce Brickley
Joe Brickley



Lisa Carnes
Michelle Dupuy
Ryan Flick
Bill Gerard
Karen Hogston



Jody Holloway
Barbara Keller
Karen Kershner
Lisa King
Malia Lancaster



Darrel Nusbaumer
Kathy Oswalt
Larry Rains
Jeff Ramseyer
Rose Schlottes



Jill Walker
Pam Wilson
Andy Zehner



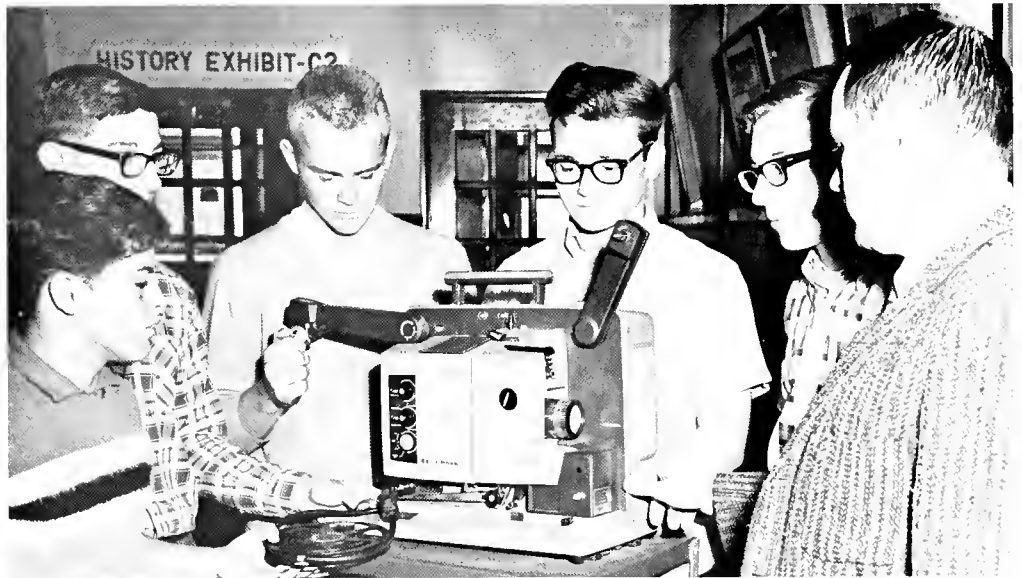
Student Council

These students are in charge of the activities and school entertainment.

The Students Keep Very Busy With Activities

Movie Operators

These boys are responsible for showing films to the classes.



Librarians

These are the students who take charge of the library books and cards.



Girls' 4-H

Their Goal: To do the very best possible.



Junior Leaders

These students offer guidance to the other 4-H members.



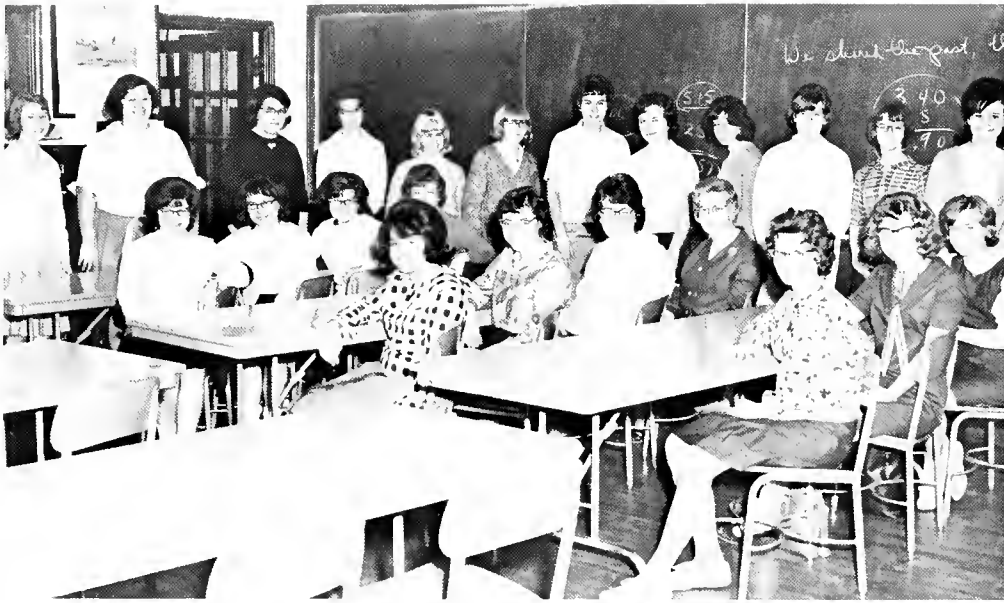
Boys' 4-H

This club strives to make the best better.

F.F.A.

Here are the future farmers of our community.



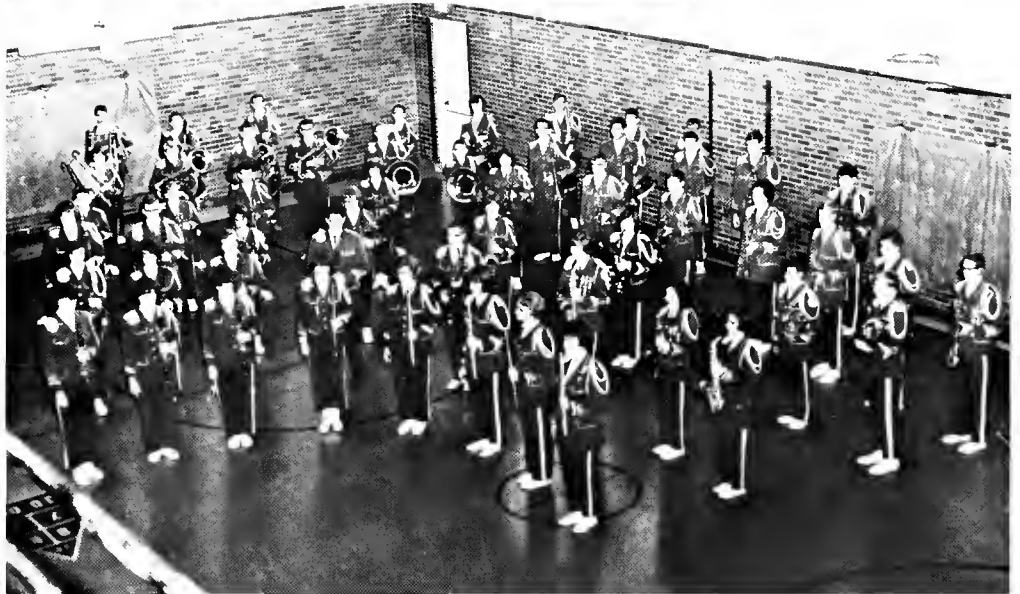


Sunshine Society

This club brings Sunshine to those in the community.

Band

These band members provide us with musical selections.



Chorus

These members brighten our spirits with their talent.





Bowling Club

These students are the top pin-spillers of the school.



Key Club

In order to be in this club, a student must have an outstanding 4-H record book.

G.A.A.

Girls enjoy athletic activities, also.



Office Staff



These hard working Senior girls help in the office with administrative clerical work.

National Honor Society

These students rank high in scholastic achievement, maintaining a B+ average; they must be Sophomores, and must pass a test given by the faculty in which they rank high in leadership and service.





Judy Walker
Editor of
Yearbook

Yearbook And Newspaper Staff



Karen Keller
Editor of
Newspaper



FIRST ROW: Judy Walker, Dee Dee Johnson. SECOND ROW: Charlene Katte, Rose Abner, Jackie Riesen, Karen Keller. THIRD ROW: Lee Hilkert, Dennis Hendricks, Jim Johnson, Mr. Payne.



Charlene Katte
Business Mana-
ger, Yearbook



Rose Abner
Layout Editor



Jim Johnson
Sports Editor

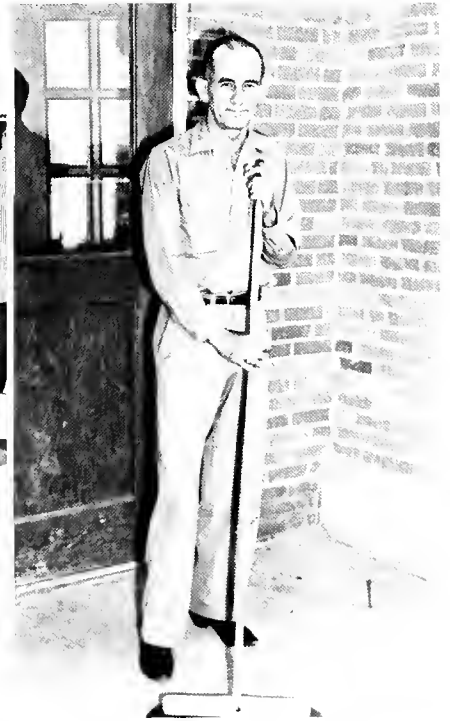


Jackie Riesen
Business Mana-
ger, Newspaper

School Personnel Keep Busy



These smiling faces greet us each day as we pass through the lunch line.



Mr. Walker cleans up the paper-wads, notes and such.



Teacher Aides - Marilyn Perry and Barbara Shadle.



These jolly bus drivers greet us each morning and evening.



THE SENIORS PRESENTED

"Going Places"

Grandmother Maxwell	Dee Dee Johnson
Mr. Maxwell	Mike Sutton
Grandfather Maxwell	Michael Frantz
Mrs. Maxwell	Rose Abner
Mr. Brown	Lee Hilkert
Wilbur Maxwell	Jim Johnson
Hercules Nelson	Dennis Hendricks
Mr. Hinkly	Lamoine Nusbaumer
Connie Maxwell	Judy Walker
Bernadine Smith	Jackie Riesen
Betty Lou Maxwell	Karen Keller



The Homecoming Activities



Dee Dee Johnson
Lamoine Nusbaumer

Queen



Karen Keller
Michael Frantz



Jackie Riesen
Mike Sutton

Of 1965-66



Juniors
Sheryl Laudig
Terry Halterman



Sophomores
Marilyn Osborn
Earl Hanni



Freshmen
Vicki Frantz
Ed Shannon



Eighth Graders
Cindy Sleppy
Joe Dickason



Seventh Graders
Sandy Sleppy
Carl Keller



Flower Girl - Michelle Dupuy
Crown Bearer - Ryan Flick



Left to right: J. Johnson, E. Shannon, K. Paxson, R. Mounsey, M. Sutton, D. Hendricks, R. Dickason, B. Davidson, T. Gearheart, J. Frantz, L. Herring.
KNEELING: Coach Kethcart and Mike Frantz, Student Manager.

Varsity



Mr. Robert Kethcart, coach and Mr. Morton, assistant, discuss plays.



Sally Jost



Jenelle Holloway



Dixie Shannon

Varsity Cheerleaders



KNEELING, left to right: M. Grover, K. Nusbaumer, T. Showalter, L. Herring, P. Ramseyer, M. Rehling. STANDING: E. Shannon, B. Davidson, T. Gearheart, J. Frantz, A. Fuller, and Coach Morton.

"B" Team

CHESTER CENTER INDIANS

1965 - 1966

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Nov. 5	Pennville	T
Nov. 16	Warren	T
Nov. 19	Liberty Center H (Jackson)	
Nov. 23	Rockcreek .. H (Jackson)	
Nov. 26	Petroleum H (Montpelier)	
Dec. 3	Montpelier	T
Dec. 7	Lancaster (H)	T
Dec. 10	Jackson	H (Roll)
Dec. 17	Ridgeville .. T (Pennville)	
Dec. 21	Union	T
Jan. 4	Whites' H (Jackson)	
Jan. 8	Blind Tourney .. (Bluffton)	
Jan. 14	Hoagland	T
Jan. 21	Jackson	T
Jan. 22	Petroleum	T
Jan. 28	Eastbrook	T
Feb. 8	Center H (Jackson)	
Feb. 12	Marion Bennett	T
Feb. 18	Lancaster (W)	T

Coach — Bob Kethcart

Ass't Coach — Warren Morton

Principal — Bill Payne



The "B" team yell leaders for the 1965-66 season were: Kathy Zent, Connie Zent and Diane Sutton.



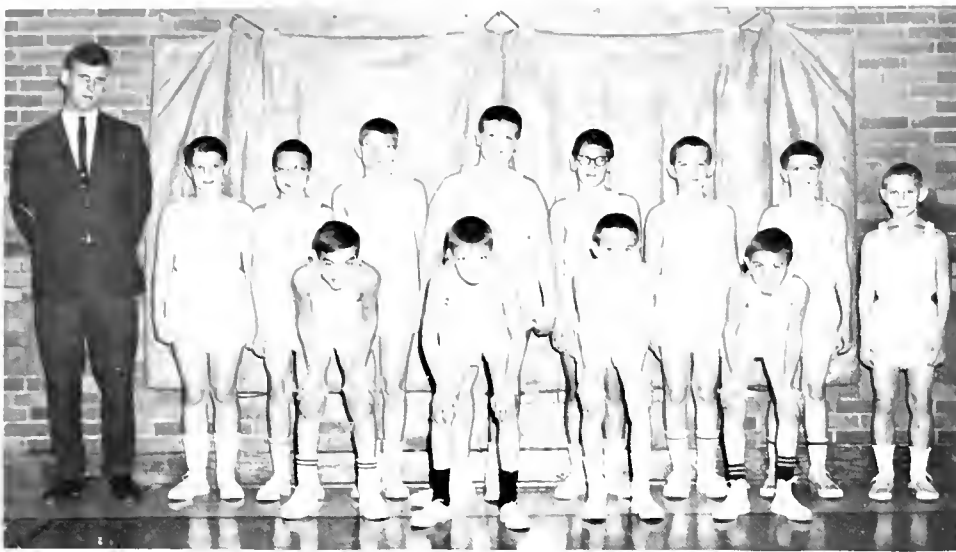
Cross Country

R. Hoving
P. Ramseyer
K. Paxson
D. Dickason
R. Mounsey

Jr. High Basketball



STANDING: Coach J. Gilbert, R. Mounsey, B. Osborn, R. Hartman, J. Dickason, J. Holloway, G. Sleppy, K. Tucker. FRONT ROW: S. Haines, M. Sills, B. Halterman, P. Flick, C. Keller, T. Grimm, J. Gearheart, S. Zoll.



The Fifth and Sixth Teams
STANDING: Coach Morton,
 L. Hartman, C. VanCamp,
 D. Falk, B. Herring, J.
 Briles, B. Zehner, M.
 Hamilton, R. Murray.
KNEELING: J. Holloway, B.
 Katte, L. Gearheart, M.
 Surfus.

The Seventh and Eighth grade cheerleaders
 for the 1965-66 season were, left to right:
 Vicki Riesen, Jerri Holloway, Cindy Sleppy
 and Susie Haines.



The cheer block was urged
 on by these cheerleaders:
 S. Myers, R. Zoll, J.
 Weatherholt, C. Mounsey,
 M. Zoll, L. Rains, R.
 Merchant, K. Rogers, A.
 King, and M. Nusbaumer.



Baseball Team

KNEELING: D. Hendricks and D. Dickason. STANDING: J. Johnson, K. Nusbaumer, E. Shannon, J. Frantz, M. Grover, B. Davidson, T. Gearheart, D. DeVoe, L. Herring and M. Sutton.

.....

Many boys and girls throughout the long history of the Chester Center School have enjoyed participating in athletics, and many fans have anxiously awaited the next encounter with another foe. Pictured below are a group of the 1966 seniors discussing the school mascot, "The Indians."



Charlene Katte, Judy Walker, Karen Keller, Jackie Riesen and Dennis Hendricks.



FOUL ?????



WHERE'S THE BALL ?????



DUHHH !!!!!

Sports Activity Pix



"SEND IN THE RESERVES"



"YOU PASS THE BALL TO ME"



1960's

AT

CHESTER HIGH





Class Of 1965

FIRST ROW: Mr. Payne, Mr. Hendryx, Mrs. Kolter, Marilyn Gaiser, Gary Roush, Sharen Kershner, Connie Jo Haines, Rex Wolfe. SECOND ROW: Marilyn Perry, Jerry Brickley, Randall Brown, Hansjorg Ebell. THIRD ROW: Dale Gearheart, Martha Gephart, Linda Grimm, Stevan Hartman. FOURTH ROW: Glenn Hendricks, Roger Lancaster, Patricia Leist, Frank Lugar, George Lugar, Barbara McCoy, Kenneth McMonigal, William Morris. FIFTH ROW: Ruth Osborn, Linda Paxson, James Pulley, Shirley Rains, Patricia Sills, Donald Thompson, Daniel Velasquez.

Class Of 1964

FIRST ROW: Mr. Payne, Timothy Slaughter, Richard Crosby, Joyce Merchant, Judy Wood, Diana Ickes, Mrs. Foy. SECOND ROW: Leon Gaiser, Judy Shoemaker. THIRD ROW: Daniel Anderson, Myrna Carnes. FOURTH ROW: Wayne Cupp, Linda Gearheart, Jack Holloway, Judith Michael, Mary Murray, Carol Nusbaumer. FIFTH ROW: Joseph Paxson, Linda Rector, Richard Shannon, Jack Sills, Mary Sills, Richard Williams.



Class Of 1963

FIRST ROW: Rex Harris, Joyce Shadle, Mr. Gilbert, Mr. Payne, Cynthia Zehner, Karen McDonald. SECOND ROW: Charles Brocklesby, Tom Brocklesby. THIRD ROW: Merlin Burns, Ben Hamilton, Charles Harris, Earl Keller. FOURTH ROW: Lee Kershner, Bob Lugar, Denny Miller, Nancy Minnich, Judy Musselman, Carolyn Rains, Opal Tucker.

Class Of 1962

FIRST ROW: Mary Price, Thomas Michael, Patricia Brown, Mr. Payne, Mrs. Foy, Tom Harris, John Dickason. SECOND ROW: Charles Sills, Howard Canady, Carol Weatherholt, Michael Gearheart, Judith Pulley, David Beavans, Irma Blevins. THIRD ROW: Sharon Shadle, William Johnson, Paul Heffelfinger, Sue Merchant, Jack Shoemaker. FOURTH ROW: Michael Harris, Lawrence Schortgen, Richard Davidson, Cheryl Friar, Delmar Sills, Donna Ramseyer.



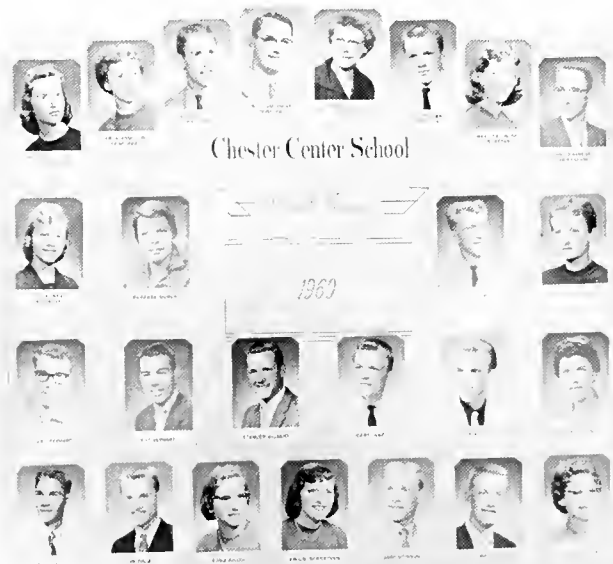
Class Of 1961

FIRST ROW: Karon Meyer, Carolyn Gearheart, Mrs. Boyer, Mr. Payne, Nancy Beavans, Constance Cooper. SECOND ROW: Jeffery Friar, James Davis. THIRD ROW: Kent Roush, Merl Lugar, Beverly Hendricks, Mora Blevins.



Class Of 1960

FIRST ROW: Barbara Allen, Sharon Hamilton, Richard Foy, Mr. Payne, Mrs. Foy, Kerry Miller, Marilyn Crosby, John Gearheart. SECOND ROW: Pat Murray, Barbara Bowers, David Brown, Kate Dickason. THIRD ROW: Carl Gephart, Kay Gephart, Stanley Gilbert, Jerry Ickes, John Maddox, Sondra Mannix. FOURTH ROW: Brady McCoy, Jim Ogle, Edna Roush, Emilie Schortgen, Gary Stinson, Matti Vasama, Shirley Williams.



As the 1960's began to unfold, consolidation and reorganizations of schools were main topics of discussion. The State Department of Instruction was re-evaluating each school in the state and requiring immediate changes.

Verlice Crosby was elected as trustee to head the school board in the 1960 elections. Jim Ogle, Kenneth Kennedy and Ward Showalter were elected to the Chester Advisory Board to help advise on school affairs.

In the spring of 1962 the four southern townships of Wells County-- Chester, Jackson, Liberty, and Nottingham re-organized into Southern Wells Community Schools and a new School Board was appointed. Those forming the first Southern Wells Board of Education were Ward Showalter, Charles Day, Donald Williams, and Howard Baker with Lloyd Biberstine chosen as superintendent of the school.

Bill Payne, who was named principal in 1957, continued as the Chester principal through the 1965-66 school year.

Soon after Chester became a part of Southern Wells, a Ball State Survey Team headed by Dr. Merle Strom was called in to make a study of the educational needs of the school district. Pictured below is the survey team and a community discussion session.



Many high points throughout the school year have been anxiously awaited by Chester students. The elementary children dress for their annual Halloween party in the gymnasium. Preceding the party, they would parade through the high school class rooms to be viewed by the students.



The Student Council scheduled special convocations during the year which were enjoyed by the entire student body. Pictured below is Mr. Hansen and his bird show.



Junior class members nervously awaited their stage debut in the annual Junior Class Play. Then as they readied for their Senior Class Play, they were "old pros" and would inform the play director how it should be done.



The seniors each year looked forward to their Senior Trip. This annual affair was inaugurated in the late forties and continued through the '66 school term. Magazine sales, sock hops, raffles, Christmas card sales, bake sales and other campaigns were used to raise the necessary funds.

Pictured below is a group in front of the Nation's Capitol Building and in a United States senator's office.



Athletics have always played a very important part in the Chester educational process. Chester teams continued to battle the opposition throughout the sixties although not winning any tournament crowns. Since the Chester gymnasium was last used for high school games in the mid fifties, it was necessary for Chester athletes to play their home games at Roll, Montpelier, Poplar Grove, and Jackson.

A feature of the basketball season was the annual Homecoming Game which included the crowning of the Homecoming Queen. This ceremony was begun in 1955 and the following girls were Homecoming Queens:

1966
Karen Keller

1965
Connie Haines

1964
Judy Wood

1963
Judy Musselman

1962
Sheryl Friar

1961
Nancy Beavans

1960
Marilyn Crosby

1959
Carole Canady

1958
Barbara Dalrymple

1957
Karen Mounsey

1956
Carole Myers

1955
Myrna Sue Ogle

Another feature of the Homecoming Game was the special guests who came home. Pictured below are Chester Center Coaches who were in attendance at the 1964 affair.

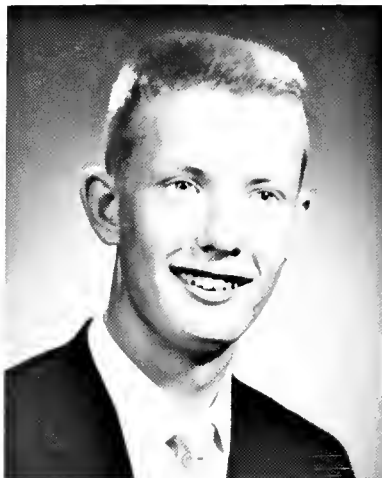


Ralph Huddleston, Clete Johnson, Eldon Carnes, Bill Payne, Owen Weinhoff, Dave Craig, Keith Showalter, Al Spandau, Bob Baumgardner, and Oscar Diehm.

Also, the oldest graduates in attendance at the affair were presented gifts. Pictured below is Principal, Bill Payne, presenting gifts to Mrs. Charles Wolfe and Robert Shively.



Chester students were privileged to have two guest students from foreign countries during two school terms. Pictured below are Matti Vasama of Finland (1960) and Hans Ebel of Germany (1965).





The Chester School is indebted to Dr. Paul Burns for the generosity and services accorded the graduates for the past nineteen years. Mr. Burns has awarded scholarships to the girl and boy with the highest scholastic average for the four years of high school.

The recipients of these scholarships were:

	1966 Judy Walker Lamoine Nusbaumer	
1965 Marilyn Gaiser Bill Morris	1959 Carolyn Canady Dee Harold	1953 Norma Woodard Paul Zimmerman
1964 Judy Wood Dick Shannon	1958 Rose Marie Blair Richard Watkins	1952 Carolyn Musselman Robert Dalton
1963 Judy Musselman Ben Hamilton	1957 Eleanor Velasquez Jerry Gearheart	1951 Marjorie Ford John Reff
1962 Mary Price Charles Sills	1956 Carole Myers Tom Wamsley	1950 Peggy Davidson Robert Dalton
1961 Nancy Beavans Kent Roush	1955 Nancy Blevins Ronnie Clamme	1949 Betty Williams Joe Gilbert
1960 Marilyn Crosby Brady McCoy	1954 Mary Farlow John Williams	1948 Helen Carnes Billie Fuller



This painting was presented to the school by Mrs. John Nestleroad in memory of her granddaughter, Deborah Harris, and her daughter, Susan Harris, who were victims of the Palm Sunday tornado which struck Chester Township April 4, 1965.

We also dedicate this memoriam to all deceased graduates of Chester Township.

IN MEMORIAM

1950's CHECKERS AT TOURNAMENTS



HIGH



Chester Center High School



Class Of 1959

FIRST ROW: Wendell Osborn, Bill Mounsey, William Payne, Kathryn Foy, Galen Meyer, Darrell Rector. SECOND ROW: Dee Harrold, Sharon Carney. THIRD ROW: Carolyn Canady, Sandra Cooper, Louise Harris, Roger Harris. FOURTH ROW: Janet Jarboe, Terry Krinn, Richard Markley, Robert Morris, Lynn Osborn, Gale Ramseyer, Galen Weatherholt.

Class Of 1958

FIRST ROW: Harold Sills, Rose Marie Blair, Betty Sills, William Payne, Huber Settle, Richard Watkins, Barbara Dalrymple, Joyce Barnell. SECOND ROW: Darlene Anderson, Morris Beavans, Harry Brown, Paul Davis. THIRD ROW: Frank Dickason, Max Gephart, Roger Grover, Tom Harris, Allen Hunt, Frank Ifer. FOURTH ROW: Larry Kershner, Jerry Krinn, Evelyn Lewis, Beverly Lugar, Dale Musselman, Joyce Pulley, Vera Roush, Bill Shadle, Kay Teagle.



Chester Center High School



Chester Center High School

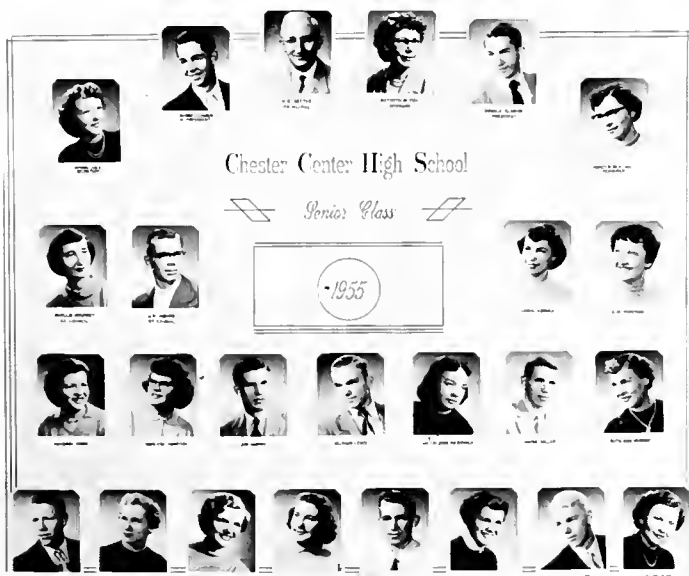


Class Of 1957

FIRST ROW: Lester Harris, Kathryn Foy, H. C. Settle, Elenor Velasquez. SECOND ROW: Judy Cooper, Janet Pulley. THIRD ROW: Diana Mitchell, Karen Cheesman, Dean Gephart, Jerry Gearheart. FOURTH ROW: Richard Hahn, Karen Mounsey, Max Murray, James Thomas, Kay Weatherholt.

Class Of 1956

FIRST ROW: Kay Wolfe, Evelyn Grimm, H. C. Settle, Eldon Carnes, Tom Wamsley, Ronald Harris. SECOND ROW: John Barner, Dee Beavans, Betty Brown, James Davidson. THIRD ROW: James Gearheart, Warem Huffman, Keith Karrick, James Lewis. FOURTH ROW: Raymond McDonald, Bill Michael, Carole Myers, Allen Penrod, Jack Sharpe, Ronnie Twibell, Doris Williams, Thomas Maddox.



Class Of 1955

FIRST ROW: Myrna Ogle, Bobby Zehner, H. C. Settle, Kathryn Foy, Ronald Clamme, Nancy Blevins. SECOND ROW: Phyllis Mounsey, J. P. Osborn, Carol Carnes, A. M. Foreman. THIRD ROW: Suzanne Friar, Marlene Hampton, Jim Harris, Delphur Lewis, Vallis McDonald, Wayne Miller, Ruth Murray. FOURTH ROW: John Murray, Linda Needler, Beverlyee Nusbaumer, Sharon Osborn, Gerald Oswalt, Juanita Payne, Rex Ramseyer, Adeline Ruse.

Class Of 1954

FIRST ROW: Marilyn Ford, John Williams, Eldon Carnes, H. C. Settle, Mary Farlow, Helene Schortgen, Ronnie Maddox. SECOND ROW: Jim Noble, Cynthia Apt, Terry Apt, Jean Cheesman. THIRD ROW: Jacob Gephart, Paul Herring, Emma Hunt, Sue Michael. FOURTH ROW: Paul Musseman, Corine Needler, Tom Perry, Jeanette Pond, Rollie Sharpe, Charles Sills, Benny Twibell.



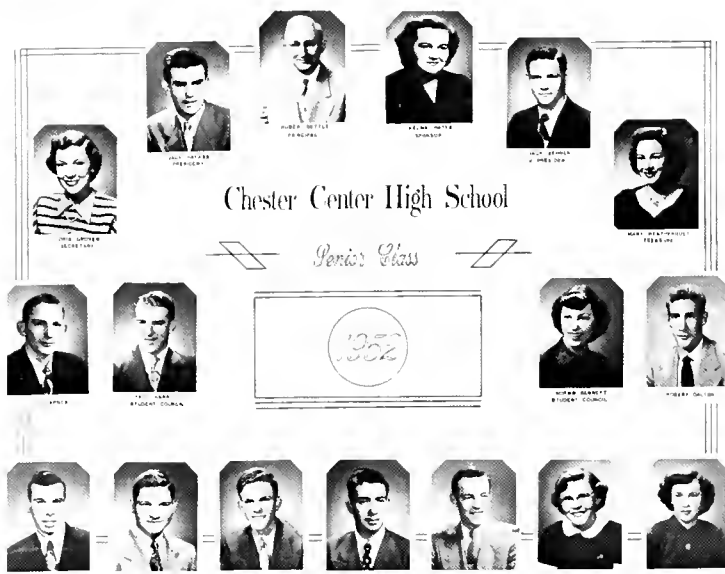


Class Of 1953

FIRST ROW: Madeline Ruse, Roger Minnich, H. C. Settle, Kathryn Foy, Paul Zimmerman, Carolyn Gilbert. SECOND ROW: Norma Woodard, Norma Beavans, Carolyn Carnes, Donald Oswalt. THIRD ROW: June McIntire, Allen Miller, James Miller, L. J. Montague, Brooks Mounsey, Mildred Payne. FOURTH ROW: Doris Rogers, Nile Sharpe, Clyde Snow, Robert Stepp, Patricia Watson, Joyce Weatherholt.

Class Of 1952

FIRST ROW: Doris Grover, Jack Havens, Huber Settle, Velma Hayes, Jack Zehner, Mary Weatherholt. SECOND ROW: Joe Carnes, Paul Harrold, Norma Bennett, Robert Dalton. THIRD ROW: Glen Gephart, Jack Glessner, Richard Hamilton, James Marshall, Ronald McDonald, Carol Musselman, Phyllis Wamsley.



Class Of 1951

FIRST ROW: Betty Slentz, John Reff, Max Snow, H. C. Settle, Albert Spandau, Robert Slusser, Keith Fuller, James VanCamp. SECOND ROW: Robert Bennett, Barbara Riggs, Charles Noble, Joyce Lincoln, Herbert Schorgen, Donald Pulley, Kenneth Meyer, Mary Sutton. THIRD ROW: Donald Pearson, Robert Sills, Nelda Cheesman, Marjorie Ford, Hubert Beavans, Donald Feltt, Irene Shadle, James Rogers.



Class Of 1950

FIRST ROW: Nellie Stinson, Robert Minnich, H. C. Settle, Kathryn Foy, Bill Emshwiller, Peggy Davidson.
SECOND ROW: Noel Gaiser, Peggy Glessner, Thomas McGeath, Arden Hamilton, Donna Sharpe, Mona Mounsey, Catherine Miller. THIRD ROW: Donna Habig, Mac Farlow, Lloyd Bennett, Thomas Harter, Janet Nusbaumer, Robert Ewing.



As the 1950's moved in on the scene, Ed Cochran was trustee and his Advisory Board consisted of Ed Carmichael, Leslie Hamilton and Charles Crosby.

In the 1952 election Thurl Rogers was elected trustee to head the Chester School Board. Joe Pond, Olin Gilbert and Charles Crosby were elected to the Advisory Board.

Then in the 1956 election, Glen Jamison was elected trustee with Ward Showalter, Vick Mounsey and Kenneth Kennedy elected to the Advisory Board.

Huber Settle, who became principal in 1941, was principal of the school until the fall of 1957. William Payne, former Indian coach, succeeded Mr. Settle as principal of the school.

Since the school did not have a secretary, senior girls who were majoring in the business field worked in the school office one period each day. Pictured below are a group of office workers.

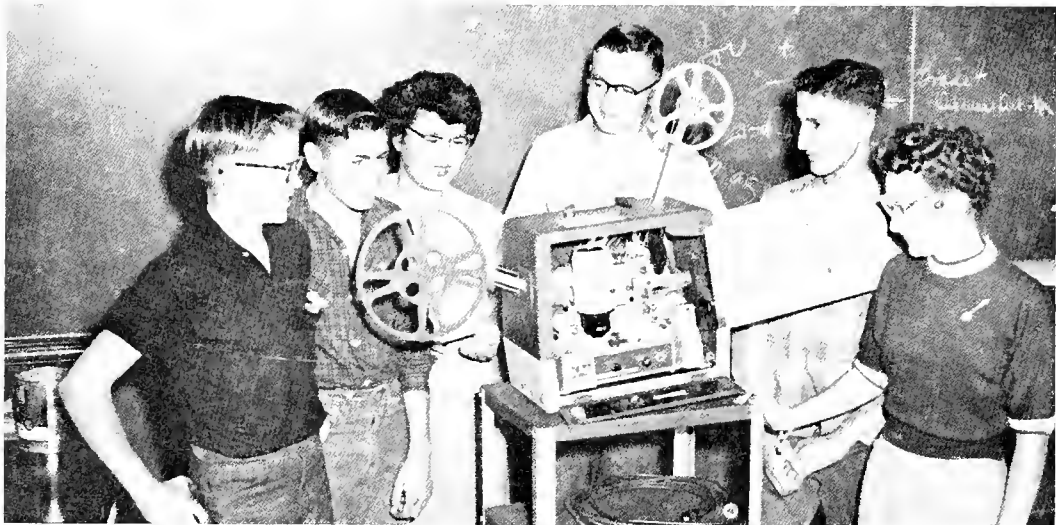


Sue Michael, Emma Hunt, Marilyn Ford, Jean Cheesman, Mary Farlow, Helene Schortgen and Cynthia Apt.

Students also worked in the cafeteria. Most students enjoyed this particular duty since this entitled the workers to "seconds."



Many films and other visual aids were involved in the educational process each year. Pictured below is a group of film projector operators.



The library facilities were quite limited at the school. Students were permitted to use the Bluffton Library and the Bookmobile which visited our school each week. Students manned the library located at the rear of study hall. Pictured below is a group of student librarians.



Chester basketball teams played their home games in their own gym until the late forties. Then many games were shifted to other local gyms due to the small floor and seating capacity of the Chester gym. The last high school basketball game played in the Chester gymnasium was during the 1954-55 season. The Chester "B" team under the guidance of Bill Payne won their own invitational tournament.

Robert Baumgardner led his 1956-57 team to the championship of the Montpelier Blind Tourney. Pictures of the 1954-55 and the 1956-57 teams are shown below.



The school paper and the yearbook were published by the Journalism class which consisted of seniors.

The first yearbook was published during the 1924-25 school year and was called the "Memento." The staff included: Ethel Ladd, Eldon Carnes, Fred Park, Carrie Kimmel, Yolanda Perry, Vera Pinney, Catherine Starr, Elizabeth Burns, Harold Clark, Stanley Terman, Ruby Grove, Ruth Ann Worster, and Nelson Huffman.

After three publications the yearbook was discontinued and revived again during the mid forties. The book became known as the "War Whoop" and publication continued through the 1965-66 school year. Pictured below is the 1953-54 Journalism Class.



1940's AT



CHESTER



HIGH

Class Of 1949

ROW ONE: Irene Lowry, Harold Carpenter, Joe Gilbert, H. C. Settle - Principal, Kathryn Foy - Sponsor, Betty Williams, Kay Mounsey. ROW TWO: Mary Lu Mann, Paul Wamsley, Hulda Emshwiller, Dwight Ramseyer, Martha Van Camp, Ed Carnes, Elmer Keller, Edgar Gruver. ROW THREE: Mona Jean Speece, Janet Long, Donald Gephart, Jack Myers, Olan Weatherholt, Darlene Lancaster, Patty Meyer, Bill Slentz.



Class Of 1948

ROW ONE: Gene Dawson, Betty Jamison, Kathryn Foy - Sponsor, H. C. Settle - Principal, Bill Fuller, Joe Sleppy, Donna Bennett. ROW TWO: Jean Smith, Crystal Bennett, Joy Teagle, Jeanne Davidson, Helen Carnes, Vera Mounsey. ROW THREE: Pat Lincoln, Don McDonald, Josephine Velasquez, Barbara Reff, Ronald Glessner, Ruby Miller, Sarah Stinson.

Class Of 1947

ROW ONE: T. J. Bennett, G. C. Huffman, H. C. Settle - Principal, B. D. Kay - Sponsor, B. Burns, P. J. Meyer. ROW TWO: B. Riggs, J. Felt, J. Lillibridge, G. Long, R. Grimm, G. Pond, D. Miller. ROW THREE: M. Van Camp, R. Thornburg, A. Pearson, J. Gephart, M. Surfus, D. Shadle.





Class Of 1946

ROW ONE: Wanedith Bennett, Donald Wyant, Kathryn Foy - Sponsor, H. C. Settle - Principal, Robert Murray, Anna Jane Stinson, Ferne Bennett. ROW TWO: Robert Highlen, Glenna Twibell, Ralph Gephart, Marcelle Sleppy, Laurent Chapman, Bonnie Bennett. ROW THREE: Lloyd Carter, June Gephart, Max Mounsey, Lois Wamsley, Ernest Reeve.

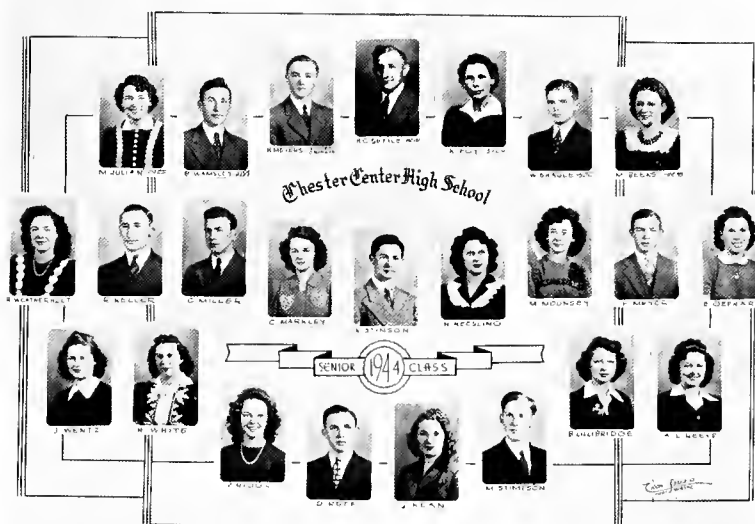
Class Of 1945

ROW ONE: F. Hart, B. Pearson, H. C. Settle - Principal, K. Foy - Sponsor, E. Teagle, R. Carmichael. ROW TWO: B. Myers, J. Farlow, E. Meyers, A. Crosby, D. Mounsey, C. Snow, J. Bennett, J. Couch. ROW THREE: S. Burns, I. Sills, Pvt. L. Bennett, P. Carnes, M. Swagart, J. White.



Class Of 1944

ROW ONE: M. Julian, B. Wamsley, H. Meyers, H. C. Settle - Principal, K. Foy - Sponsor, W. Shadle, M. Beeks. ROW TWO: R. Weatherholt, R. Keller, C. Miller, C. Markley, K. Stinson, N. Keesling, M. Mounsey, F. Meyer, E. Gephart. ROW THREE: J. Wentz, H. White, P. Riggs, D. Reff, J. Kean, M. Stimpson, B. Lillibridge, A. L. Reeve.



Class Of 1943

ROW ONE: Maxine Love, Lee Sills, Jr.; Margorie Murny, H. C. Settle - Principal, Margaret Lash, Eugene Smith, Nondes Zehner. ROW TWO: Charles Mowery, Delight Smith, Kenneth Snow, Kathryn Foy - Sponsor, Charles Krummen, Anna Rose Meyers, Bernard Harrold. ROW THREE: Calvin Lincoln, Daniel Beeks, Ethel Harrold, Robert Carmichael, Evelyn Zehner, Warren Perry, Richard Burns.



Class Of 1942

ROW ONE: Roderick Nusbaumer, Pauline Merritt, H. C. Settle - Principal, Naomi Bloxsome, Donford Lancaster. ROW TWO: Doris Miller, Martha Stinson, Robert Slentz, Kathryn Foy - Sponsor, Wayne Hamilton, Jean Fuller, Martha Miller. ROW THREE: Jane Thomas, Calvin Gruner, Avis Kunkel, Cletus Johnson, Doris Starr, Billy Grove, Catherine Snow. ROW FOUR: Mary Love, Robert Bennett, Dorothy Murphy, Hillard Roush, Helen Lowry, Albert Surfus.

Class Of 1941

ROW ONE: Roberta Carnes, Berneice Bennett, Arden Kunkel, Wayne Lee - Principal, Elmer Bennett, Winona Landis, Mary Carnes. ROW TWO: Wendell Hamilton, Ferne Starr, Kathryn Foy - Sponsor, Helene Murray, Alfred Miller. ROW THREE: Bette Harris, Betty Riggs, Ward Showalter, Helen Brown, Lavere Oswalt, Helen Smith, Lois Erans.



Class Of 1940



ROW ONE: Eugene Couch, Jeanne Harris, Ernest Huffman, Wayne Lee - Principal, Robert Kummer, Betty Myers, William Carnes. ROW TWO: Thelma Harrold, Ernest Cochran, Lois Richards, Kathryn Foy - Sponsor, Rosa Harris, Dan Highlen, Frances Pearson. ROW THREE: Catherine Minnich, Blenda Mowery, Ralph Gilbert, Virginia Murphy, Sherman Keller, Hilda Harness, Dorothy Burns.

As the 1940's rolled around the Chester School was still standing but shaking from the previous ten years of wear and tear.

Wayne Lee, who became the principal in the fall of 1938, was the principal through the 1941 school year. Huber C. Settle became principal in the fall of 1941 and remained through the 1940's.

Everett Carnes was reelected to his second term as trustee in 1940 and served through 1944 as the school's chief administrator. Advisory Board members serving with Mr. Carnes were Harold Carter, Joe Pond and Jess Miller.

Then in the election of 1944, Edward Cochran was elected to head the Chester School board. Also, elected to the advisory board were Ed Carmichael, Leslie Hamilton and Charles Crosby.

In the 1948 election Edward Cochran was re-elected to head the school board. Charles Crosby, Herman Osborn and Win Noe were elected as advisory board members to help with the administration of school affairs.

Chester athletic teams were doing quite well up to this time, but sectional crowns had eluded them. As the new decade rolled around things were about to change as far as tournaments were concerned.

Keith Showalter, a 1933 Chester graduate, was coaching the Indians during the 1939-40 season and the drought came to an end as the Indians beat Liberty Center 28-27 to win their first Sectional Crown.



Left to right: Principal Wayne Lee, Ralph Gilbert, Ernest Cochran, Eugene Couch, Ward Showalter, Keith Showalter - Coach. FIRST ROW: Wayne Hamilton, Arden Kunkel, Bill Carnes, Bob Rogers, Elmer Bennett, Calvin Lincoln.

The ball used by the Champion Indians is shown at the right.



Cletus Johnson followed Keith Showalter as coach of the Chester Indians, and led them to their first County Championship in the 1941-42 season. Pictured below is the championship team.



TOP ROW: Jack Carnes, Bob Slentz, Bob Carmichael, John Hamilton. MIDDLE ROW: Maurice Simpson, Bud Lincoln, Wayne Hamilton. BOTTOM ROW: Dick Riggs, Dick Burns, and Wilbur Shadle.

Since World War II was hitting the country's man-power very hard at this time, many coaches and teachers were called into service. School officials were unable to find licensed coaches at this time so the Chester agriculture teacher, Oscar Diehm, took over the coaching duties. Mr. Diehm did quite well as he led his 1943-44 team to the Wells County Championship. Pictured below is the 1943-44 team.

FIRST ROW: F. Meyer, D. Reff, Bill Pearson, H. Meyers, T. Wamsley. SECOND ROW: Coach Diehm, M. Simpson, L. Bennett, J. White, B. Myers, R. Carmichael, H. C. Settle.



Again the following year Coach Diehm led the Indians and this time they won the Sectional tournament. Pictured below is the team.

TOP ROW: Joe Gephart, manager; Oscar Diehm, Huber Settle, Jim White, manager. MIDDLE ROW: Bob Riggs, Frank Hart, Bob Myers, Lloyd Carter, Dick Carmichael. FRONT ROW: Paul Carnes, Dean Mounsey, Alfred Pearson, Bob Murray, and Bill Pearson.

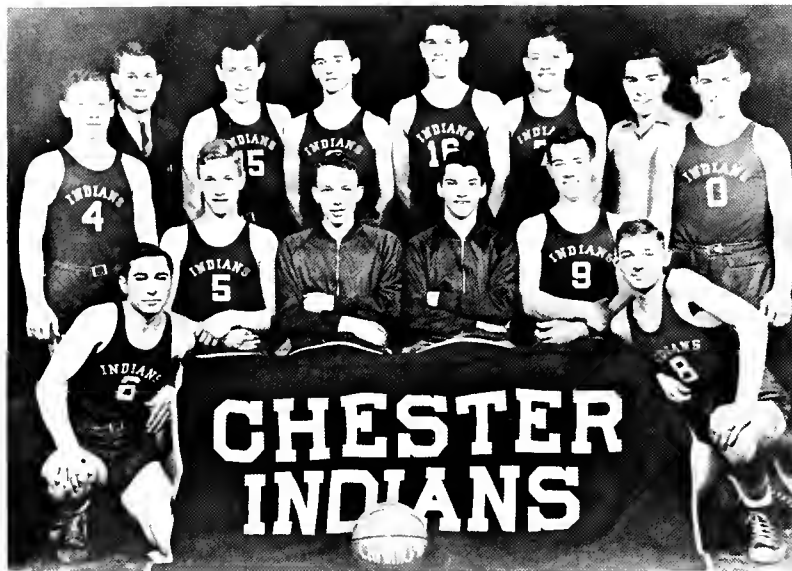


After World War II was over Coach Diehm returned to his former job of agriculture teacher. Since Mr. Diehm took over coaching due to necessity, he had one particular slogan that he used to give the boys more drive. When the boys left the huddle to start the game, he would state "Remember Pearl Harbor." Mr. Diehm will always be associated by his former players with this slogan.

Albert Spandau replaced Mr. Diehm and led the Warriors to Sectional Championship in 1946-47 and a County Championship in 1947-48. Pictured below are these teams.



FIRST ROW: L. Huffman, B. Riggs, E. Grimm, A. Pearson. SECOND ROW: O. Weatherholt, J. Sleppy, D. McDonald, D. Shadle, E. Keller. THIRD ROW: M. Van Camp, J. Teagle, B. Fuller, J. Gilbert and Al Spandau.



FIRST ROW: Elmer Keller, Joe Gilbert, Arden Hamilton, Jack Myers, Don McDonald, Kay Mounsey. SECOND ROW: Olan Weatherholt, Coach Al Spandau, Joy Teagle, Bill Fuller, Gene Dawson, Tom Harter, Donald Gephart, Manager, Joe Sleppy.

Pictured at the right is the trophy won by the 1947 team coached by Al Spandau.



There are always many activities to attend during the school year and the early forties was no exception. During World War II rationing of gasoline and tires caused a great handicap on students as far as transportation was concerned. Unless you had extra coupons, a bicycle, your thumb or your own two feet came in very handy for transportation.

As the weather changed in the spring, cameras came out and some of the school's activities were snapped.



Jane Thomas



Agnes Crosby, Rose Weatherholt, Jeannie Wentz.



Alice Reeve and Madonna Julian



Martha Stinson



Martha Miller



Naomi Bloxsoms



Clete Johnson and the boys



Wilbur Shadle, Phyllis Riggs, Herman Myers, Barbara Lillibridge.



Class of '45



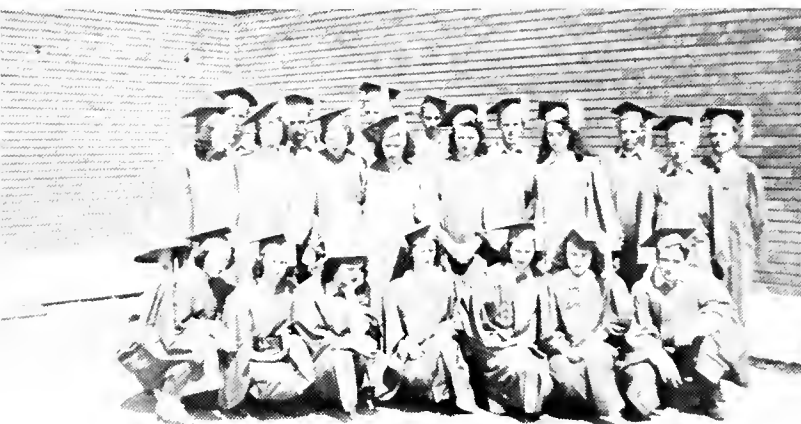
Kid Day 1942



Albert Surfus and Pauline Meritt



Wayne Hamilton and his pipe!!



1942 Graduates



Kid Day 1944



Spring 1941



Senior Play Cast 1945



1930's

AT

C
H
I
G
H
S
T
E
R





Class Of 1938

FIRST ROW: Waneta Smith, Hilliard Shadle, Crystal Lowry, Wayne Lee, Crystal Murray, Donald Kummer, Jane Highlen. SECOND ROW: VeOra Carnes, James Surfus, Willarene Dahlstrom, Kathryn Foy, Betty Harrold, Roy Harris, Helen Dillon. THIRD ROW: Catherine Smith, Lucille Kimmel, Glen Carnes, Winifred Myers, Verlin Friar, Geraldine Lincoln and Virginia Farlow.

Class Of 1939

FIRST ROW: Vaughn Murray, Betty Evans, Dewayne Weatherholt, Wayne Lee, Thomas Burns, Ruth Carmichael, Mary Krummer. SECOND ROW: Irvin Miller, Marianna Nusbaumer, Orland Lefforge, Catherine Oswalt, Paul Riggs, Mary Krummen. THIRD ROW: Edgar Bennett, Vera Minnich, George Merritt, Maro Williamson, Charles Bennett, Berthetta Carnes, and Verlice Crosby.



Class Of 1937

FIRST ROW: Twis Spaulding, Warren Adsit, Richard Williamson, Hobart Black, John Wharton, Dee Brubaker, Ileen Johnson. SECOND ROW: Mildred Roberts, Melvin Harris, Elva Strouse, Lucile Johnson, John Kennedy, Bette Bauserman. THIRD ROW: Virginia Goodspeed, Margaret Burns, Norman Kunkel, Esther Dickerson, Virginia Smith, Paul Huffman, Maxine Spaulding, Irene Sills. FOURTH ROW: Charles Hahn, Martha McIntire, Everett Huffman, Delbert Crawford, Monnah Carnes and Kenneth Harrold.

CHESTER CENTER

Row 1 (Top):
 1. Student portrait
 2. Student portrait
 3. Student portrait
 4. Student portrait
 5. Student portrait
 6. Student portrait

Row 2 (Middle):
 1. Student portrait
 2. Student portrait
 3. School building photograph
 4. Student portrait
 5. Student portrait
 6. Student portrait

Row 3 (Bottom):
 1. Student portrait
 2. Student portrait
 3. Student portrait
 4. Student portrait
 5. Student portrait
 6. Student portrait

At the bottom of the page, the text "Chester School" is visible.

[illegible]

FIRST ROW: Yvonne Carnes, Herman Shadle, Hollis Simpson, H. R. Brunegraff, E. T. Chapman, Juaniece Morrison, Floyd Hahn, Mary Alspach, Naomi Oden, Kermit Runkle, Amy Adsit, Mary Pinney, Claude Penrod, Ilene Perry.

THIRD ROW: Dale Pulley, Agnes Sutton, Elise Bradbury, Richard McIntire, Madeline Lincoln, Gale Kershner, Mildred Morton, Charles Wilson.

FOURTH ROW: Eileen Carnes, Emory Foust, Jane Williamson, Arlin Krumen, Helen Bell, Claude Bennett, Kathleen Harris, Vivian Kunkel, Ruth Burkle.

William J. Deane

Charles Kennedy

Alfred Taylor Freeman

Orville Sanders Sprague

Colleen Glynn

Marion Newman

W. Lee Bonnell

Edward Cochran

Chester Center H-S 1934

Robert Williams

Gene Morrison

Donald Terry

Margaret Schaffer

Dorothy Carney

Gene Adams

Robert Adams

Alone Murray

Walter Linton

Robert Murray

71



Class Of 1933

FIRST ROW: Mary Johnson, Neldon Kennedy, Hugh Tate, S. M. Caldwell, George Carnes, Frances Nusbaumer. SECOND ROW: Glades Keller, Keith Shadle, Luana Simpson, Gene Milikan. THIRD ROW: Berniece Murray, Luster Roush, Garnet Bennett, Ward McCleery, Pauline Runkle, Lyle Millikan. FOURTH ROW: Roger Stinson, Vera Krummen, Gerald McIntire, Pauline Perry, Ethel Foreman, Clyde Huffman.

PHOTO BY CRENSHAW PHOTO CO. FOR WARD, INC.

Class Of 1932

FIRST ROW: Violet B. Walters, Dorothy L. Meade, Frank S. Bruker, Huth Tate, Gerald W. Foust, M. Warren Bradbarry, Clara E. Bruns. SECOND ROW: Clifton Roy Beckett, Cleo M. Bennett, James E. Lockwood, George Mounsey, Robert H. Snow, Wilson C. Chaney. THIRD ROW: Henrietta Carnes, Carl B. Kennedy.



Class Of 1931

FIRST ROW: Irene Kean, Clyde Oswalt, Charles J. Good, Harvey Dawson, T. R. Charles, Leo McIntire, Paul Osborn. SECOND ROW: Lucille Myers, Glen Ker, Earl Roush, Blanche Huffman, Kenneth Runkle, Celetus Bryce, Margaret McClure. THIRD ROW: Aaron Cecil, Guy Kershner, Alvis Meade, Glen Pulley, Clarence Snow, Thelma Bennett, Frances Bell, Nellie Pinney.



Class Of 1930

Lacey Thornburg, Miriam Dickerson, Harold Roberts, Clara Roberts, Ernest Gilbert, Margaret Miller, Olan Gilbert, Clyde Teagle, Wilma Huffman, Ruby Osborn, Leslie McIntire, Lester McIntire, Waldo Bailey, Esther Zehner, Charles Retz, Mary Kunkel, Gerald Zehner, Pauline McIntire.

The economy of the county was moving very slowly as the 30's entered upon the scene. The Great Depression was in full swing and was keenly felt all over the country. Chester students and their families felt the "money pinch" as well as anyone else. Although money was quite scarce, and luxuries at a minimum, this didn't dampen the enthusiasm and spirits of the many students walking around Chester High halls.

T. P. Charles was the school principal through the 1930-31 school year. Then in the fall of 1931 Hugh Tate took over the reigns of the school and was principal through the 1934 school year. H. R. Brunegraff was the principal during the 1934-35 year, and he was replaced by Hobart Black in the fall of 1935. Mr. Black remained as principal until the fall of 1937, and then Wayne Lee finished out as principal through the 30's.

John Osborn was elected trustee and served through 1932 with Carl Huffman, James Ogle, and Herschel Gilbert as his advisory board.

In the 1932 election Calvin Shadle was elected trustee. Cleophas Myers, Francis Gilbert, and Curtis Arnold were elected to the advisory board. Mr. Arnold died during his term of office and was replaced by James Thomas.

In the 1936 election, Everett Carnes was elected trustee of Chester Township. Those selected as Advisory Board members were Joe Pond, Harold Carter and Omar Smith.

Chester athletic teams were very active as they participated in basketball, softball, and track. The Indians won their first tourney in 1936 when they won the Montpelier Blind Tournament. Pictured below are the only available pictures of basketball teams during this period.



1934-35

ROW ONE: Floyd Hahn, Dee Brubaker. ROW TWO: Wallace Riggs, Claude Penrod, Herman Shadle. ROW THREE: Everett Chapman, Chuck Hahn, Hillard Shadle, Melvin Harris, Glen Carnes, John Kennedy.



1938

ROW ONE: George Merritt, DeWayne Weatherholt, Verlice Crosby, Hillard Shadle, Ernest Cochran, Donald Kummer, Bill Carnes. ROW TWO: Wayne Lee, Thomas Burns, James Surfus, Paul Riggs Jr., Ralph Gilbert, Glen Carnes, Charles Bennett, Keith Showalter.

1938-39

ROW ONE: Wilson Dickerson
ROW TWO: DeWayne Weatherholt, Jerome Walker, Verlice Crosby, George Merritt, Charles Bennett, Bill Carnes. ROW THREE: Thurman Landis Jr., Ernest Cochran, Keith Showalter, Ralph Gilbert, Paul Riggs Jr.



Chester has had two school songs. The first was written in the fall of 1923 and is as follows:

In the galleries of memory,
There are pictures bright and fair
But the ones of Chester High School
Are the brightest ones that are there.
Alma Mater, how we love thee,
With a love that ne'ar can fade
And we feel we owe a debt to you
That never can be paid.

Then in the fall of 1936 the students desired to change the song and under the leadership of Dorothy Burns the following song was arranged and was used through the school year 1966.

Cheer, cheer for old Chester High.
Grab up the ball and throw it through the goal.
While our fans sit watching near,
Oh, yell like Indians while you're here.
Whether the score be less than theirs;
Baskets will ring from everywhere,
While our Indian Braves are playing
Better to win this game.

Chester students were also doing fine in other academic and extra curricular activities.

In the Wells County Safety Contest, Chester dominated the affair and won the huge trophy. Warren Adsit won the contest in 1936 and 1937 and Marianna Nusbaumer won in 1938.

Betty Schmidt won a very nice trophy for the school as she won the W. C. T. U. Contest in 1938.

Chester School received another nice trophy in 1943 as Clara Burns won the top journalism trophy for the district.

Chester Township has been very fortunate in securing willing, sincere, and patient men as school bus drivers throughout the years. These men have played a very important part in the education of our youth. Below are these devoted men who served between the years 1931 and 1966.

- 1931-32 - Otto Hamilton, James Dale, Earl Smith, Earl Murray, and Earl Merritt.
- 1932-33 - Alvin Walker, Otto Hamilton, Webber Ludlum, Virgil Cain, Arthur Kennedy.
- 1933-34 & 1934-35 - Otto Hamilton, Virgil Cain, Alvin Walker, Nathan Teagle, Arthur Kennedy.
- 1935-36 - James Bryce, Elmer Oswalt, Charles Crosby, Earl Murray, Nathan Teagle.
- 1936-37 & 1937-38 & 1938-39 - Elmer Oswalt, James Bryce, Ora Penrod, Earl Murray, Nathan Teagle, Earl Roush, Raymond Carney.
- 1939-40 - Elmer Oswalt, Raymond Carney, Charles Murray, Ora Penrod, George Snow.
- 1940-41 - Elmer Oswalt, Raymond Carney, Glen Jamison, Ora Penrod, George Snow, Homer Shadle.
- 1941-42 - Glen Jamison, Elmer Oswalt, Ora Penrod, George Snow, Homer Shadle.
- 1942-43 - Russ Carnes, Elmer Oswalt, Ora Penrod, Charles Wolfe, Glen Jamison, Homer Shadle.
- 1943-44 - Nathan Teagle, Gerald Zehner, Ora Penrod, Charles Wolfe, Harold Stroud, Claire Walker.
- 1944-45 - Henry Harter, Charles Wolfe, Nathan Teagle, Gerald Zehner, Ora Penrod, Ernest McDonald.
- 1945-46 & 1946-47 - Charles Wolfe, Gerald Zehner, Ernest McDonald, Nathan Teagle, Henry Harter, Ora Penrod.
- 1947-48 & 1948-49 & 1949-50 & 1950-51 - John Minnich, Nathan Teagle, Gerald Zehner, Harold Stroud, Ora Penrod.
- 1951-52 & 1952-53 - Ora Penrod, John Minnich, Aaron Cecil, Lester Beavans, Earl Smith, Jess Miller.
- 1953-54 & 1954-55 - Harold McGeath, Ora Penrod, Jess Miller, John Minnich, Lester Beavans, Gilbert Hunt.
- 1955-56 & 1956-57 - Russ Carnes, Raymond Carney, Bill Weatherholt, Dean Mounsey, Wayne Thompson, Taylor Anderson.
- 1957-58 - Russ Carnes, Raymond Sills, Bill Weatherholt, Dean Mounsey, Wayne Thompson, Taylor Anderson.
- 1958-59 - Russ Carnes, Raymond Sills, Bill Weatherholt, Dean Mounsey, Taylor Anderson.
- 1959-60 & 1960-61 & 1961-62 & 1962-63 - Lester Beavans, Raymond Sills, Bill Weatherholt, Dean Mounsey, Harold Slaughter, Taylor Anderson.
- 1962-63 & 1963-64 & 1964-65 & 1965-66 - Lester Beavans, Bill Weatherholt, Dean Mounsey, Taylor Anderson, Jack Zehner.



1920's
AT

CHESTER



HIGH



Class Of 29

Fred Burns, Mary Burns, T. P. Charles - Principal, Paul Thornburg, Audrey McIntire, Thomas Twibell, Iris Millikan, Earle Barnhouse, Delight Huffman, Butler Crawford, Iva Dowson, Helen Flick, Joe Mounsey, Maxine Huddleston, Dowell Ifer, Eula Cochran, Alfred Ramseyer, Charles Perry, Charles Booher, Rosamond Manor, Gaiser Maddox, Glen Kennedy, George Lugar.

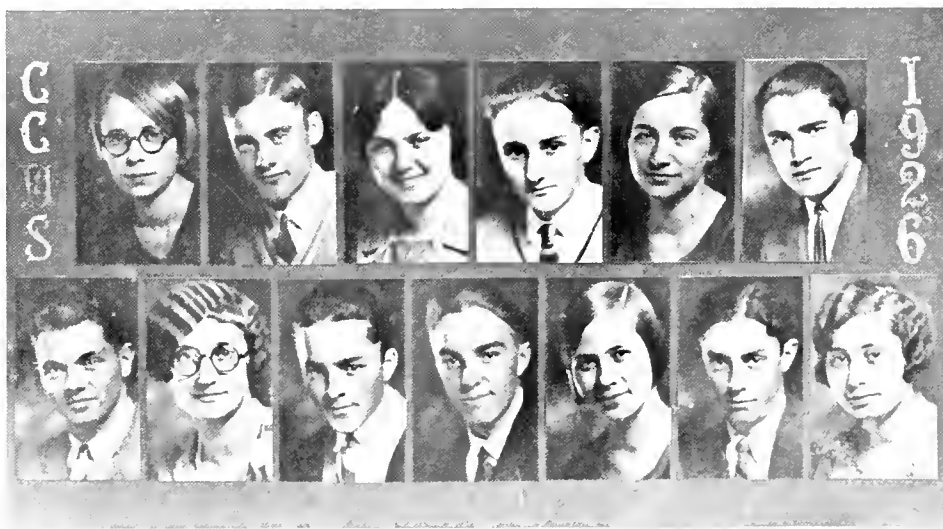
Class Of 28

Glen Kean, Lena Keller, Paul Uptgraft, Florence Bell, Robert Shively, Beatrice Pinney, June Deckerson, Carl Fuller, Gail Roberts, George Myers, John Booher.



Class Of 27

Cecile Miller, Twylo Irvin, Roy McIntire, Mary Barnhouse, Stella Burklo, Gladys Shadle, Arnet Meade, Hugh Barner, Garnet Snow, Clyde Carnes, Walter Smith, Paul Burns, Mabel Dickason, Marguerite Bailey, Roland Clark, Cary E. Mounsey - Principal, Hazel B. Modlin - Sponsor, John Ina Long, Mae Smith, Rosamond Walter.



Class Of 26

Ina Mae Riggs, Claude A. Dolby, Mildred Carnes, Harry L. Mann, Josephine P. Markley, Robert H. Gilbert, Wendell Williams, Ruth Retz, Nelson Huffman, Hugh Kenneth Shively, Mary Elizabeth Cochran, Robert Burns, Vera Belle Roberts.

Class Of 25

Vera Pinney, Ruby Marie Grove, Harold Clark, Catherine Starr, Ethel Anise Ladd, Ruth Ann Worster, Eldon Carnes, Yolanda Mae Perry, Elizabeth Burns, Frederick Park, Carrie Mae Kimmel.



Class Of 24

Mary Minnich, Doris Arnold, Myrtle Brinneman, Chauncy Ladd, Ruth Weaver, Gladys Smith.

Since the present Chester Center School was completed in the summer of 1923, many eager pupils awaited for that first day in the new school.

Pupils were greeted by their new busses (1) which usually were entered from the rear. After delivering the students, the busses were parked near the school house for the day. (2)

Since the grounds had not been completed, students were forced to use board walks to get to the school and boards were also used as sidewalks. (3) (4)

After arriving at school, the students were greeted by their new principal, Walter Krich, and the 1923-24 faculty. (5)



Picture 1



Picture 2



Picture 3



Picture 4



Picture 5

Once the school year was under-way many activities and clubs were planned for the students.

The Home Economics classes under the direction of Madge Cassell were very enthusiastic as they studied Homemaking. (6)

Athletic schedules were soon arranged by Coach Huddleston and many anxious young men answered the call to battle to carry the Chester Center banner. (7) All athletes eagerly awaited for the day when award sweaters were awarded. (8)

Basketball for girls was arranged when Dave Craig took over the coaching chores for Chester, and it wasn't many years until the Squaws were county champs. (9)



Picture 6



Picture 7



Picture 8

What was it like forty years ago at dear old C. C. H. S. ?? The following school calendars were taken from the 1925-26-27 yearbooks.

September 1924

- 8--First day of school. All handicapped because of lack of books.
- 9--All pupils were seated alphabetically in the assembly for the benefit of the "Big Four."
- 10--Faculty is sized up.
- 11--First kickout. Clyde J. Carnes kicked out of class.
- 20--Sleppy weather--Oh--Hum!
- 22--Seniors organize class. Yeh. Seniors!
- 25--Sign up for Lyceum course.
- 26--School dismissed for Bluffton Street Fair. "May I take you on the merry-mix-up?"
- 29--Seniors have their first dispute--class rings.

December 1924

- 1--Annual Staff elected.
- 3--Accident in the laboratory. John Booher tries an experiment with sulphuric acid on Larkin Batson's head.
- 5--Miss Mary White, member of last year's faculty, visits school.
- 10--Carrie loses her pills. Everyone in a scramble to find them.
- 11--Everything low spirit, grades, and deportment.
- 15--Ruth Ann disappears from history. The rest of the class find her locked in the library.
- 18--Miss Cassell makes new ruling, "No Rouge." The seventh and eighth grade girls have a face washing time.
- 19--Four girls kicked out of class for failure to obey the rule.
- 23--Big exam party. Everyone invited.
- 24--More exams. Everybody anxious for the Christmas vacation.
- 25--Jan. 5--Christmas vacation.

November 1926

- 2--Joe cries and Mae laughs because Ruth Ann changed from Miss to Mrs.
- 3--County Superintendent French visits school.
- 4--Juniors elect editor-in-chief and business manager for next year's annual.
- 5--Faculty and Senior pictures taken for the annual.
- 6--Pep session. Game with Berne tonight.
- 9--Blue Monday.
- 10--Electric iron disappears.
- 11--Donald Penrod is missing. No one seems to know where he is.
- 12--Donald returns. Fort Wayne women visit school.
- 13--Kid Day! For seniors only. Hair ribbons, dolls, and short trousers apparent.
- 16--An addition to the Miller family--a girl.
- 17--Americanization program tonight in observance of Americanization Week.
- 18--More Americanization.
- 19--Still more.
- 20--Glee Club sings at McNatt. Boys win basketball game with Lafayette Center.
- 23--Girls' basketball suits given out.
- 24--Parent-Teacher Association organized.
- 25--Boys played Liberty Center--lost. Girls played Pennville--won.
- 30--Back after Thanksgiving vacation. Ethel Ladd visits school.

February 1927

- 7--Plans made to send waitresses to Farmers' Institute Banquet.
- 8--Agriculture classes attend Farmers' Institute at Bluffton.
- 9--Roland Clark wins prize for essay on Farmers' Institute.
- 10--Home Economics class attends Farmers' Institute at Bluffton.
- 11--Back to normal after the institute.
- 14--Girls' basketball team wins over Petroleum.
- 15--Box social at Chester.
- 16--Cast selected for the "Arrival to Kitty."
- 17--Mr. Mounsey throws knee out of joint.
- 18--Basketball game with Berne.
- 21--Mildred Carnes, 26, honor student at Muncie State Normal, visits school.
- 22--Washington's birthday. No vacation.
- 23--New moon today.
- 24--Merle Lugar knocked cold in assembly. Mr. Miller, sentry, asleep on post, but awakes in time for first aid.
- 25--Showery.
- 28--Seniors planning trip to legislature, find it adjourned.

March 1927

- 1--Seniors send telegrams in physics class.
- 2--"The Arrival of Kitty," all-school play presented.
- 3--Mr. Craig absent due to the death of his sister.
- 4--First game of interclass basketball tourney played.
- 8--Sweaters for girls' and boys' basketball teams awarded.
- 9--"The Arrival of Kitty" presented at Petroleum.
- 10--"The Hoosier Schoolmaster" read to assembly by Mr. Marshall.
- 14--Senior girls play first game in tourney.
- 15--Physical education class takes a hike.
- 16--Zephyrs of spring.
- 17--Seniors have "Kid Day."
- 18--Boys stand in line at Ben's radio to get state basketball tourney returns.
- 21--Senior boys win their first game in the tourney.
- 22--Characters chosen for the senior play.
- 23--Senior girls win over seventh grade in basketball tourney.
- 24--Senior colors on school house. All seniors wear blue and white.
- 25--Mr. Mounsey orders the colors struck with no enemy in sight.
- 28--Senior boys and girls win in semi-finals of tourney.
- 29--Tickets issued for "Mother Goose's Garden."
- 30--Sophomores show class spirit by displaying the cream and lavender. Senior boys win tourney.
- 31--Physics class tests the speed of sound.

The Chester Center School was guided by trustee O. F. Tate during the years 1920 to 1928. His advisory board consisted of Win Noe, Otis Starr, William Twibell, and Lyman Zehner.

In the 1928 election John Osborn was elected trustee. Herschel Gilbert, Carl Huffman, and James Ogle were elected to the advisory board.

Walter Krick was the first principal of the Chester Center Consolidated School. He was followed by Cary Mounsey who relieved Krick before the 1924-25 school year. T. P. Charles replaced Mr. Mounsey before the 1928-29 year.

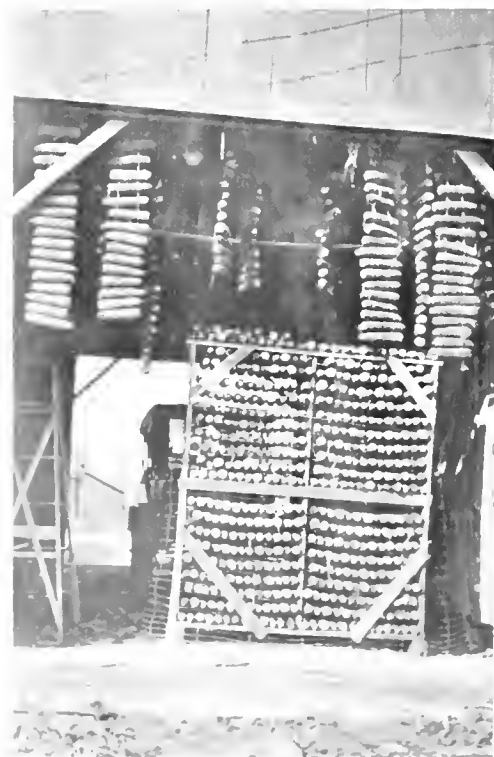
Students were very anxious to see the large snow falls so that an added vacation might be taken. Boys might be found loitering at Keystone (20), or perhaps they were helping with the butchering (21), seed corn selecting (22), hauling livestock to market (23), or just plain "skipping" (24). Anyway, these were the excuses given the principal.



Picture 20



Picture 21



Picture 22



Picture 23



Picture 24

Times have really not changed much as everyone likes to get into the picture. The following photos were taken during the last few weeks of the school year.



Huddleston, Warner, Moldin, Cassell, Mounsey, Castill, Miller.



Faculty warming up car



Madge Cassell's Class



First C. C. H. S. Graduating Class



Delmar Harrold's Class



Tess Bailey's Class



Picture 9



Hugh Barner



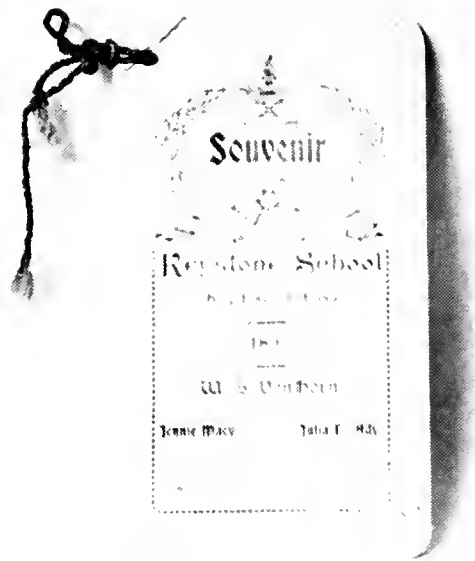
Mabel Dickason, Mary Snodgrass, Delight Huffman, Stella Burkillo, Frances Clark.



1926-27 Squaws



Twylo Irvin and Ina Riggs



1
9
0
0
/'
s

Graduates of the years 1920 through 1923 did not graduate from the Keystone High School but from those schools listed below.

1923

Gerald Bell	Montpelier
Emery Grove	Liberty Center
Claude Sills	Liberty Center
Clyde White	Liberty Center
Bernice Markley	Petroleum
Everett Huddlestun	Montpelier
Kenneth Kennedy	Montpelier
Grace Wort	Montpelier

1922

Joy Barner	Bluffton
Opal Bell	Liberty Center
Theodore Bain	Montpelier
Dorothy (Thomas) Brinneman	Montpelier
Clyde Kean	Bluffton

1921

Mary Farlow	Montpelier
Helen (Fisher) Cowans	Bluffton
John Lancaster	Bluffton
Amy Scott	Bluffton
La Vere Shelly	Bluffton
Ralph Wort	Montpelier

1920

Hugh Tate	Montpelier
James Thornburg	Montpelier
Ralph Huddlestun	Montpelier

1919

Madge Cassell	Montpelier
-------------------------	------------

At the end of the year 1908 the Keystone High School obtained its commission and the length of the term for graduating classes of 1908-1919 was changed from three to four years.

1919

Mrs. Clara (Walker) England
Catherine Young
Mrs. Nellie (Fisher) Cowens
Grace Millikan

1917

George England
Ralph Starr
Marguerite (Neff) Dormant

1918

Elsworth Baldwin
Charles England
Mrs. Gladys (Gruver) Grover
Mrs. Mabel (Lenning) Wolfe
Lawrence McGeath
Denzil Millikan

1916

Alexander Ludlum
Mrs. Cecil (Kennedy) Nusbaumer
Mrs. Chloe (Walker) Carnes
Gerald Nusbaumer
Donald Scott
Ralph Perry
Jessie Blair

1915
Critendon Mason
Goldie Lenning
Err Neff
Joe Pond
Carl Twibell
Ray Thomas
Eunice Walker
Hugh Wolfe
Howard Mason

1914
Charles Miller
Flossie Dawley

1913
Lewis Lowry
Ralph Thomas
Mrs. Ethel (Wood) Williamson

1912
Mrs. Mabel (Bell) Haecker
Weber Ludlum
Ermen C. Williamson
Donald Showalter

1911
Mrs. Lula (Nusbaumer) Glass
Mrs. Chloe (Hall) Herwick

1910
Mrs. Pearl Dye
Mrs. Edna (McCullick) Bonse
Mrs. Anna (Baldwin)
Arthur E. Brubaker

1909
Mrs. Dale Spaulding
Mrs. Anna Mulvehill
Thomas Irvin

1908
Mrs. Pearl (Lancaster) Dye
Mrs. Dale (Williamson) Spaulding
Mrs. Emma (Cochran) Russell
Thomas Irvin
Clyde Walter

1907
Mrs. Bessie (Burns) Denison
Mrs. Eva (Risley) Rhea
Mrs. Arley (Showalter) Stine
Mrs. Nellie (Myers) Shimp
Clarence McCullick
Howard W. Markley

1906
Mrs. Glenna (Brubaker) Perry
Mrs. Clara (Greenfield) Burns
Mrs. Esta (Cochran) Booher
Harry Walter

1905
Dana Kizer
Mrs. Lula (Showalter) Griffin

1904
Mrs. Julia (Black) McCullick
Mrs. Maggie (Walker) Kennedy
Mrs. Leone (Marsh) Erick

1903
Mrs. Rose (Marsh) Mounsey
Lillian Marsh
Mrs. Lula (Tate) Jarrett
Mrs. Effie (Merriman) Wilson
Mrs. Cecile (Kizer) Lee
Mrs. Chella (Maddox) Strait
Adam Teagle
Frank Jarrett

1902
Mrs. Josie (Kean) Gale
Mrs. Mattie (Jarrett) Fallis
Mrs. Olive (Shields) McCaffrey
Herbert S. Jones
Hugh G. Maddox

1901
Kenneth B. Kizer
Orley Lancaster

1900
O. C. Mounsey

The Keystone School was built during the years 1898-99. This was a big, modern constructed building housing grades 1 through 12.

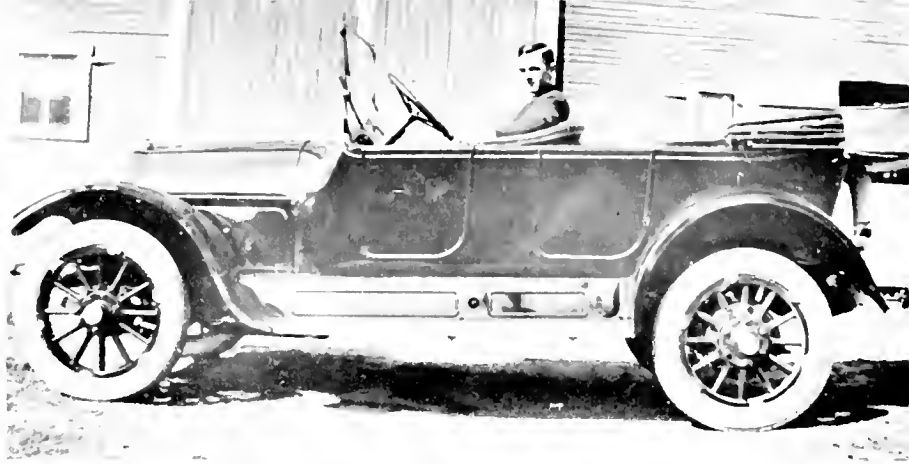
Distinction came to the town of Keystone through sports. In the early 1900's the Keystone football team was unbeatable and the basketball team won the State High School Championship in 1901 by defeating Muncie. There was no State Athletic Association at this time and games were played mostly by invitation. All reports state that Muncie residents were a little unruly after the Keystone boys defeated their team and rumors stated that the team was very happy to leave the town in "one piece."

Basketball was introduced at Keystone, the first in Wells County, by County Superintendent A. R. Huyette, who became principal of the Keystone School.

The girls and boys were no different than those of today in many ways. They enjoyed activities, parties, and their vehicles. Some available pictures are shown on the next page.



Clint Farlow and his new Ford



Charles Crosby in his 1916 Overland



Chloe Carnes, Tom Irvin, Cecile Nusbaumer.



Gerald Nusbaumer, Don Scott, Chloe Carnes, Cecile Nusbaumer, Alex Ludlum, Jesse Blair, Ralph Perry.



"AWARDS DAY"



Catherine Starr Carnes on her way to school.



1911-1912

FIRST ROW: Mabel (Bell) Haecker, Ethel (Wood) Williamson, Ethel (Bennett) Carnes, Grace (Lancaster) Abshire, Flossie (Dawley) Cummins, Goldie Lenning, Eva Kunkle, Eunice (Walker) Kean. SECOND ROW: Webber Ludlm, Roy Fink, Ralph Thomas, Shirley (Gaiser) Maddox, Ethel (Campbell) Herbst, Ray Thomas, Ralph Bowers. THIRD ROW: Vertner Snow, Ermin Williamson, Cebert Abshire, Hugh Wolfe, Loy Fink, Joe Pond, Err Neff, Mac Farlow. FOURTH ROW: Carl Twibell, Charley Miller, G. C. Pweres, C. H. Markley, Al Irvin, Don Showalter, Everett Carnes, Lewis Lowry.

1915 and 1916

FIRST ROW: Cecile Kennedy, Chloe Walker, Edith Wood, Mable Lenning, Maisie Cessel, Ruth Neff, Madge Cessel, Sulvia Miller, Clara Walker. SECOND ROW: ----Harris, Nellie Williamson, Ingrid Bright, Catherine Young, Bladys Grower, Nellie Fisher, Geneva Beard. THIRD ROW: Raymond Lowry, -----, Carry Meyers, Carry Ice, Grace Miligan, Zada Lane, Pauline Kean, Dell Murray. FOURTH ROW: George England, -----, Jesse Blair, Ralph Perry, Ralph Starr. FIFTH ROW: Denzel Milligan, Everret Landis, Ellsworth Baldwin, Alex Ludlum, Gerald Nusbaumer, ----- Parrot, Clifford Twible. SIXTH ROW: Louis Sawner, Charles Ennland.



1917-1916

Ellsworth Baldwin, Denzel Millikan, Gladys Groover, Lawrence McGeath, Catherine Young, Nellie Fisher, Zada Lane, Pauline Kean, Marguettie Neff, Carry Meyers, Ruth Neff, Charlie England, Madge Cassell, George England, Carry Mounsey, Ralph Starr, Grace Harrold, Clifford Twibell, Hugh Tate, Everett Teagle, Clara Walder, Mabel Lenning, Grace Millikan.



Last but not Least

The reader is now nearing the end of Chester's history concerning the school life of 1898-1966, but do not close the book until you have read every advertisement in the latter part of it. The advertisers have made these books possible, and we are grateful for the interest they have taken in us. We have given our best in the preceding pages, and they have given their best in the following pages, so all that is left for you to do, Friend Subscriber, is to read and study the advertisements and patronize the advertisers.

We thank you,

THE STAFF.

Franklin Electric Company, Inc.

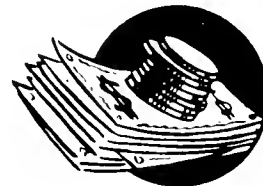
Congratulations

Dependable Electric Motors

Bluffton

Indiana

Credit Bureau Of Wells County



Bluffton

Indiana

Old-First National Bank

In Bluffton

Your Full Service Bank



Member of Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation

Dutch Maid Car Wash



State Road 1 South
Edge of Bluffton

C. HARNISH

PIERCE HARNISH, JR.

Gerber's Central Dairy



Grade A Products



Phone 824-0610

Bluffton

Indiana

Farmers & Merchants Bank

Friendly Banking Service

Members F. D. I. C.



Bluffton

Indiana

Hilkert's Garage

1 Mile South 1/4 Mile West
Poneto, Indiana

DEPENDABLE SERVICE

Small
Motor
Repair

Auto
Repair



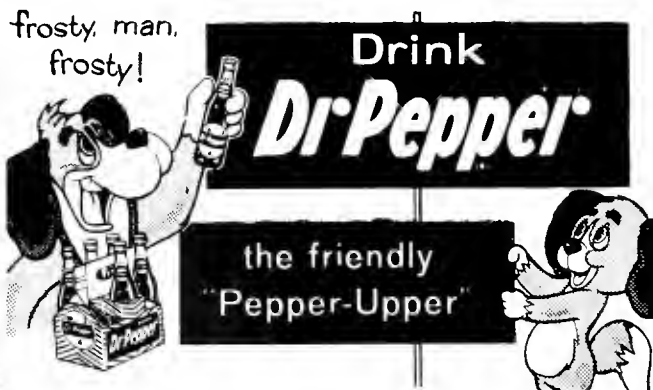
GOOD LUCK SENIORS!

Phone:
694-6514

Irvin
Hilkert

Williams Stores

Pennville, Petroleum, Montpelier



Slaughter's Grocery

Groceries

Meats

Hardware

Parts

Lawnboy
Sales

Service



Keystone

Indiana

Monce's Garage

P. O. Box 366
Petroleum, Indiana

Phone 327-2105

Valvoline Oil-Prestolite Batteries

Sinclair Gasoline

Davidson Station

Shell Service



Poneto

Indiana

Smith's Garage & Trucking



Phone 694-6611

Poneto

Indiana

Bowers Service

Gas and Oil Products
Armstrong Tires & Batteries
Tire Repairs & Lubrication

Phone 694-6672

Poneto

Indiana

CERTIFIED SEED

Wheat, Oats, & Soybeans

Phone 694-6375

Herman Osborn

Poneto

Indiana

Farmers Grain Company

Grain-Grinding-Seeds
Farm Supplies



Liberty Center

Indiana

Masterson Mule Barn

Phillip 66 Service



Phone 699-6182

Liberty Center

Indiana

Dan Stanley

Septic Tank Service



Phone 694-6483

Poneto

Indiana

Thoma Funeral Home

Ambulance Service

Phone: 824-3850

WILLIAM H.
THOMA

HOWARD D.
RICH

Bluffton, Indiana

Bluffton Printery

Commercial Printer



Phone: 824-2328
Bluffton Indiana

Montpelier Foodliner

formerly
LEDBETTER'S FOODLINER

Low Low Prices
Plus
Double E Stamps

The "EXTRA EARNING" Stamp

Montpelier Indiana

J&B Chevrolet Sales, Inc.

Montpelier
Indiana

Phone:
728-2431

One-Stop
Shopping
For



Your
Automotive
Needs

Leas Feed Company



Montpelier Indiana

Compliments of

Sealtest Ice Cream



Bluffton Indiana

CONGRATULATIONS
SENIORS



Colonial Baking Company

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES
OF
CHESTER CENTER

Kelso School Supplies

Muncie Indiana

STEURY

BOTTLING COMPANY, INC.

Heart Club Flavors

Double Cola
Vernors
Hires
Ski

Bluffton

Indiana

Bluffton Tire Service

State Road 1, South
Phone 824-0418



Bluffton, Indiana

Flaningam & Son

International Farm Equipment
and
Motor Trucks
I.H.C. Cab Cadet Mowers
Toro Lawn Mowers

Phone: 824-1100

Bluffton

Indiana

Cline Lumber Company

Lumber-Building Materials
Sherwin Williams Paints
Johns Manville Roofing

Phone: 824-2600

Bluffton

Indiana

Moser Implement Co.

Dealers of
Allis Chalmers Massey Ferguson
New Idea New-Holland Fox
Gehl-Meyers and Behlen
Farm Machinery

Simplicity Yard Equipment

Phone 824-2210

Bluffton

LAW'S

Jewelry and Gifts
Bridal Consultants
Crystal-China-Silver
Watches-Diamonds
Bluffton, Indiana

Compliments of

Dr. J.T. Scott

Optometrist

Bluffton, Indiana

Ellenberger Brothers

Auctioneers and Realtors

Bluffton, Indiana
130 1/2 W. Market St.
Phone 824-2426

or

Ft. Wayne, Indiana
8825 Hessen Cassel
Phone 745-5512

Blue-Flame Gas

Frigidaire Appliances

2 in 1 Soft Water Service

ISCH HARDWARE

Bluffton

Indiana

Deck's Super Service

Main & Wabash St.



Bluffton

Indiana

Dawson's Shell Station

Junctions
3, 5, 218



Phone:
10 R

Rural Route #2

Warren

Indiana

Exchange Bank

Warren, Indiana

Complete Banking Service

Member: F.D.I.C.

Meyers Department Store

65 years of service
proves it

Warren

Indiana

Neuhauser Hatcheries Inc.

Hy-Line Chicks

Kelvinator Appliances

Phone 256

Warren

Indiana

Norris Feed Mill

Feed-Farm Supplies-Seed

S. P. FERTILIZER-CUSTOM GRINDING

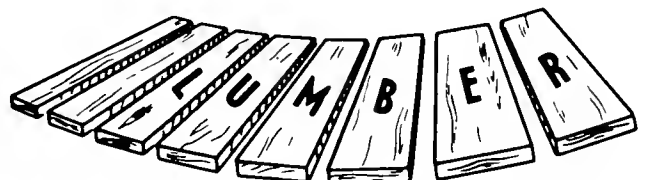
Poneto

Pennville

Indiana

Compliments of

Liberty Center Lumber Co.



Liberty Center

Indiana

The Children's Mart

"A Shop of Quality and Courtesy"
Girls-Infants-thru Pre-Teens
Boys-thru Age 12 Years
Maternity Fashions

Open Friday Nite till 9 p.m.

Phone: 824-2334

213 W. Market

Bluffton

Miller-Jones Shoe Store

SHOES

For All the Family



109 W. Market
Bluffton

Phone 824-2830
Indiana

The Dutch Mill

"On the Banks of the Wabash"

Bluffton, Indiana

A Good Variety of Food

Best Wishes to
All the SENIORS
From

Charles F. Adams

Photography

824-1834

Bluffton

High Quality-Reasonable Rates

Kennedy Rexall Drugs

105 W. Market St.



Phone 824-3622

Bluffton

Indiana

Acme Quality Paints Inc.

Complete Line of Paint
Wall Paper, Painters
And Artists Supplies

Hour-8:00 to 5:00
Open Friday to 9:00

111 North Main St.
Phone 824-2413 Free Delivery
Bluffton Indiana

National Oil & Gas Inc.

GERALD HISER, Agent

Farm & Home

Delivery



First-Class

Service

Masterson's

Store for Men

Dobbs Hats Hyde Park Suits
Arrow Shirts Freedom Shoes
Gym Shorts McGregor Shirts
Gym Socks Jerks Socks

127 W. Market St.

Bluffton

Indiana

Hawkins Dari-Delite

Ice Cream-Soft Drinks-Sandwiches

State Road 18 West

Phone: 728-2257

Montpelier

Indiana

Compliments of

Dr. Burns



to the
GRADS'

Montpelier

Indiana

Davis Ice Cream

(Home Made)

Special Orders for
Parties-Weddings-Banquets

Open: Mon-Fri. 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Sat. 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Sun. 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Groceries-Bread-Milk

111 E. High Street Montpelier

Dr. M.C. Jackson

Veterinarian

BEST WISHES FOR
SUCCESS

Phone: 728-5672

Montpelier

Indiana

Compliments of:

Montpelier Lumber Co.



Phone:
728-2333

Montpelier
Indiana

Flanigan's Federated

Congratulations Seniors

Montpelier

Indiana

Blackford Co.
Farm Bureau Co-op



Coal-Seed-Feed

S.P. Fertilizer-Custom Grinding

Compliments of

Felt's Grocery



Keystone

Indiana

***A & T Welding
& Blacksmithing***

Portable Service 24 Hrs. a Day

Ornamental Iron Products

Hard Faceions

GEORGE ANDO - Phone 824-1470

REX TERHUNE - Phone 545-3446

State Road 1

Bluffton

The Garden Gate

Phone 824-2634

McCullough Chainsaws
Wheel Horse Equip.
Sales and Service

Wm. Steffen & Son

Minneapolis-Moline Farm Equip.

Phone: 824-0722

657 Fort Wayne Road

Bluffton

Indiana

FRANTZ

Drive-In Barber Shop
South Edge of Bluffton
State Road 1

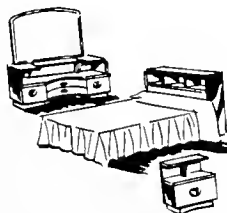
Three Chair Service

Nyal Frantz, Jerry Macafee
Bruce Shilling

Phone: 824-0316

Gerber Furniture, Inc.

1157 Fort Wayne Road
Open Tuesday & Friday Until 9



Bluffton

Indiana

Nusbaumer Farm Drainage

Tandem Tractor Trenches
6 ft. cut

KENNETH NUSBAUMER

Phone: 728-2368

Keystone

Indiana

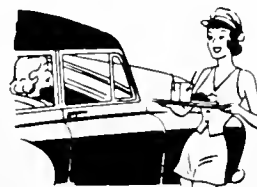
JOHNLOZIGH

Phone
Bluffton
802-3048

Murray, Indiana

Bummie's B&K

Root Beer Stand
State Road 1



Bluffton

Indiana

Henderson's

Family Shoes
And
Men's Wearing Apparel

Fine Footwear
for The Entire Family

Montpelier

Indiana

Racer's Bakery

Home of Butternut Bread
and Buns

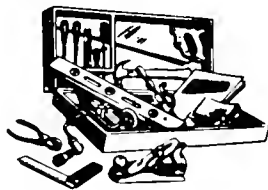


Phone: 728-5436

Montpelier

Indiana

Chaney Hardware



Montpelier

Indiana

Phone: 728-5861

Everything in Hardware

Walker Funeral Home



Montpelier

Indiana

Hoosier Grain & Supply

Coal-Seed-Feed

S. P. Fertilizer-Custom Grinding

Keystone

Indiana

Markley's

Hardware-Furniture-Appliances

DAN MARKLEY

Montpelier

Indiana

Bontragers Drug Store



Montpelier

Indiana

Service Cleaners

210 South Main



Phone 728-5881

Montpelier

Indiana

Coca Cola Bottling Company



Portland

Indiana

HERFF-JONES

Manufacturing Jewelers & Stationers



1401-1429 North Capitol Avenue

Indianapolis

Indiana

Thank You, Donors

Brooks McCarty	Bluffton
Eley TV	Bluffton
Surplus Variety Sales	Bluffton
Dr. Schrolder	Bluffton
Dr. Walko	Bluffton
Hains Beauty Shop	Poneto
Martelle's Beauty Nook	Poneto
Kreigbaum Brothers	Warren
Cook Men Wear	Warren
Miles Furniture	Warren

Congratulations Seniors!

King-Ryte Graphics

DAVE BENNETT

302 N. High St.
Hartford City, Ind.

Phone
317-328-2403

Congratulations Seniors!

From the Chester Center Student Council

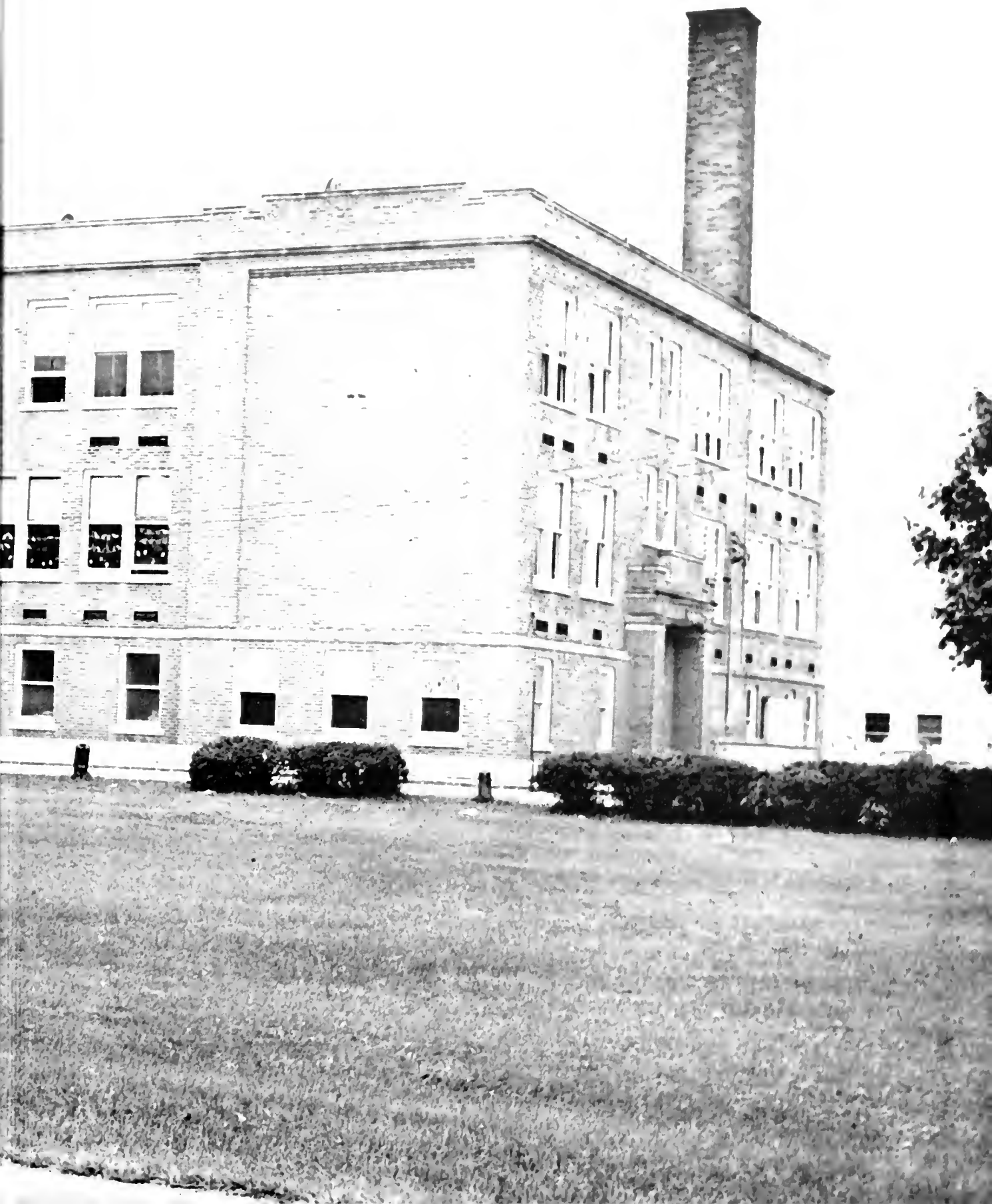
Good Luck!

To All The Grads From CCHS



From the 1966 Seniors







ATLAS VENTURES INC.